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Survivor

A Vietnamese boy, Do Hoi, 14, relates from the hospital bed how he survived a pirate attack on the boat carrying 58 people on Monday. Thai pirates killed scores of Vietnamese refugees and abducted women and children last Sunday from a boat headed for Malaysia. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mama mia! A Marcos mummy

MANILA, April 4, (Agencies): The wife of ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos plans to embalm her husband upon his death and keep his body on display in Hawaii until she can scatter his ashes over the Philippines to "fertilise his country," a Manila newspaper reported today.

"Not only will it be a political statement, it will be a spectacle—an international spectacle to have Marcos (lie in state) here," Imelda Marcos told the Businessworld in an interview at the Marcoses' Honolulu home over the weekend.

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WEATHER

CLOUDY weather continues with light variable changing to moderate north-easterly wind.
State of sea: slight to moderate
High water: 11.00 am, 11.00 pm
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Sunrise: 5.33 am
Sunset: 6.09 pm
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Kuwait: 28°C 82°F
Ahmed: 25°C 77°F
Faiyaka: 24°C 75°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 18°C 65°F
Ahmed: 16°C 61°F
Faiyaka: 15°C 59°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 27°C 81°F
Ahmed: 24°C 75°F
Faiyaka: 23°C 73°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 37 per cent
Ahmed: 37 per cent
Faiyaka: 63 per cent

Saudi-Egypt highway link

CAIRO, April 4, (KUNA): Egypt and Saudi Arabia have agreed to link the two countries by a highway that would include the construction of a causeway over the Gulf of Aqaba, according to press reports.

The reports said the project was thoroughly discussed by senior Saudi and Egyptian officials during a recent visit to Egypt by Saudi King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz. There was a reference to the highway in the joint communiqué issued at the end of the visit.

Benazir vows to follow father in helping poor

GARHI KHUDDA BUKHSH, Pakistan, April 4, (Reuters): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto today pledged to follow the humanitarian mission of her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the 10th anniversary of his execution.

She told a crowd estimated by police to number at least 100,000 at his tomb that she would follow his example in working to better the lot of the poor.

"We believe in the supremacy of the masses, we believe that power emanates from the people," she told the crowd, echoing her father's populist rhetoric to chants of "Bhutto lives."

The crowd, some of whom had travelled for two days to the commemoration, sprawled over wheat fields surrounding the Bhutto family cemetery deep in rural Sind.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was hanged on April 4, 1979, under the rule of military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq on disputed murder conspiracy charges. He was 51.

Following his daughter's election victory last November, the anniversary was for the first time marked officially.

The post office issued commemorative stamps bearing his portrait, television

personalities discussed his legacy and newspapers published supplements devoted to his life.

The commemoration at Garhi Khudda Bukhsh, in the heart of the Bhutto family's feudal lands, took on an almost festive air, with the crowd playing music and singing folk songs.

The Bhutto women were accompanied by Punjab Governor Tikka Khan, Sind

Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah and several federal and provincial cabinet ministers.

After praying at the flower-decked tomb, Benazir and her mother Nusrat handed out money and land titles to 37 workers of the Bhuttos' Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

They included heirs of two men hanged during Zia's 11-year rule.

Kuwait may tax unfruitful expats

Development expenditure to increase

By Mahmoud Abedin

KUWAIT may impose taxes on unproductive expatriates to stop the misuse of manpower in the country, Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said yesterday.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times/AI Seyassah, he stressed that Kuwait will continue to bring productive manpower as the country is in need of their services.

"No taxes will be imposed on the productive expatriates," he added.

He said that the main reason for imposing charges and fees on some services is not to increase the state income, but to rationalise its use.

Commenting on the main features of the next budget, Awadi said: "Public expenditure will be concentrated on development projects and those sectors which support these projects."

Allocations on development and investment projects in the coming budget are estimated at KD600 million, he said.

Awadi emphasised that the state will not attempt to reduce expenditure in the development sector. "We will increase expenditure in the development sector and reduce it in other sectors" he said.

Demography

Awadi said that the state policy of amending the demographic structure in Kuwait is primarily meant to improve the capabilities of Kuwaitis and utilise their resources to be followed by encouraging productive expatriates required in economic development. This policy is also intended to address the issue of unproductive expatriates, he said.

To achieve this goal, greater attention must be paid to training programmes, wider use of mechanisation and modern technology, the official said.

The minister disclosed that the authorities are seriously studying measures to encourage the private sector to employ Kuwaiti manpower. This involves the private sector employing the largest number of Kuwaitis possible.

The private sector is required to shoulder its responsibilities in bearing part of the high costs the government is paying towards manpower. The private sector has now to take a more responsible outlook towards this important issue. If it does, the private sector can well contribute to the plan of reducing unproductive expatriate manpower by employing nationals, Awadi said.

The planning minister said that Arab manpower in Kuwait comes next to Kuwaitis in consideration of priority. Common features in traditions, religion, language and other are positive factors towards opting for Arab manpower over other expatriates both at the government and private sector levels.

Diversification

The issue of diversification of Kuwait's sources of income has become one of the main directives in Kuwait's economic policy, he said. This policy is mainly aimed at reducing the country's dependence on only one source—oil.

"This goal can be achieved by promoting industry, Kuwait's investments abroad and by adopting developmental plans. Ideally, this policy should centre in the fields of food, security, agriculture, productive industry and financial markets," Awadi said.

Regarding the hectic activities currently underway in the field of administrative reforms, the official said that it must be understood that there can be no development without sound management.

Reports on implementation of the first ever five-year-plan in Kuwait indicate that government departments are committed to the objectives of the plan within the first three years, Awadi concluded.

Halt wasteful spending Not a too tight budget

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi has said that the government is not yet contemplating a tight-belt budget, but he cautioned the public and government institutions against wasteful spending.

Khorafi emphasised that public services would remain untouched, and said rational spending would be of great help to the government.

The finance minister, who made the remarks in an interview to be published on Friday in a Kuwaiti weekly magazine, said doors were open for employment in the government sectors, but he noted that more opportunities were being made available to Kuwaitis.

Kuwaiti employees in the government have increased in number from 32 per cent to 44 per cent "which is an excellent ratio," the minister said, adding that the trend is gaining momentum.

Non-Kuwaitis are also being employed, according to certain criteria, he said.

Khorafi replied negatively when asked if he thought withdrawing government housing would create a crisis. He argued that the number of landlords contracted by the government was not so big as to cause serious problems in the event that cancellation of government housing is adopted.



Train crash

A rescue worker near two carriages of a commuter train which jumped the low-level platform and smashed into a row of buildings housing the bar, restaurant and ticket office at the San Severo station, Italy. Eight people were killed and 17 injured in the crash. (Reuter wirephoto)

Afghan refugees need security to return home

By Diane Diaz Arab Times staff

MILLIONS of Afghan refugees will not be able to return to their homeland unless humanitarian aid is available to provide them with a sense of security, a top UN official said yesterday.

"They need security in terms of food and they need security from the danger of landmines," said Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN fundraising coordinator for Afghanistan.

During the show, the two men fielded questions on Afghanistan from panel members in Kuwait, Riyadh, London, Paris, The Hague and Oslo.

The United Nations is trying to raise \$2 billion in cash and other forms of humanitarian aid so that it can implement a two-phase assistance programme.

The first phase would encompass general relief and repatriation of the refugees. That part of the programme would cost about \$1 billion over 18 months.

The second phase of the assistance programme would concentrate on rebuilding the Afghan infrastructure and clearing thousands of landmines that are still hidden on Afghan soil.

When questioned about the likelihood of refugees returning to Afghanistan while the conflict still rages, Aga Khan acknowledged that vast numbers will probably not venture back until they sense stability.

The one-hour, 20-minute programme featured Aga Khan and Kenneth Bleakley of the US Department of State, making pleas for donations to be used by the UN for the resettlement of the Afghan refugees.

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Shamir to resist call for peace conference

NEW YORK, April 4, (Reuters): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today Israel would resist US pressure to attend an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"I'm immune to pressure," the 73-year-old Israeli leader told reporters flying with him from Tel Aviv to the United States for a 10-day visit that includes talks in Washington this week on breaking the Middle East peace deadlock.

Aides said Shamir was annoyed yesterday, the eve of his departure for the US, when President Bush cautiously endorsed convening a UN-sponsored international peace conference on the Middle East.

"A peace conference is a way to dictate to Israel to accept what no Israeli is willing to accept," said Shamir, who got a measure of backing as a public opinion poll showed he has gained in popularity over the past year.

The headline premier views a peace conference—attended by the superpowers and Britain, China and France—as an Arab plot to force Israel to accept a Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip that would threaten Israel's existence.

Bush said after meeting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday: "A properly structured international conference could play a useful role at an appropriate time." He said Israel should end its occupation of Arab lands.

An international conference is favoured by the PLO, which began a dialogue with the US nearly four months ago after recognising Israel and renouncing terrorism.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's chief adviser has welcomed the call by Bush for a "properly structured conference and an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip as an 'important and serious development'."

Shamir thought he had squelched the conference idea when it was raised by the Reagan administration, but he denied its resurrection meant a crisis with Washington, Israel's closest ally and supplier of \$3 billion in annual aid.

Shamir will meet Bush on Thursday.

The 10-week-old Bush administration, concerned by news film of Israeli soldiers firing on stone-throwing Palestinians in the occupied territories, has urged Shamir to offer new ideas on ending the Middle East stalemate.

Bush is also to meet Jordan's King Hussein later this month. Washington has urged Israel and the PLO to take steps to ease tensions in the territories. Security sources in Israel said today the Army would free hundreds of prisoners during Shamir's US visit.

But Palestinian activities forecast an escalation of violence in the territories, home to 1.7 million Palestinians, to send a message to Bush that the uprising would continue.

Israeli troops shot and wounded nine Palestinian youths Tuesday, two of them seriously, in five separate clashes that erupted in the occupied West Bank. Arab news reports said.



Smallest Tridem

The world's smallest tridem being demonstrated in Zurich recently after it was accepted by the Guinness Book of Records. The cycle is 14 inches long, has three seats, and holds up to 500 pounds. (Reuter wirephoto)

Goals of security for Israel shared

US-Egypt quest for peace

WASHINGTON, April 4, (Agencies): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak followed up on talks with President Bush by discussing Middle East peace problems today with Secretary of State James Baker and other government leaders.

Mubarak, the first of three key Middle East figures visiting Washington this month to seek approaches to their regional difficulties, held private sessions with Baker, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and leading members of Congress.

The Egyptian president sought additional input after agreeing with Bush yesterday about the need to end Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza—but disagreeing about the importance of an international peace conference to jump-start negotiations between Israeli and Arab viewpoints.

As he ended his one-hour White House meeting with Mubarak yesterday, Bush said: "Egypt and the United States share the goals of security for Israel, the end of the occupation and the achievement of Palestinian rights."

Though those principles have been stated previously by US administrations, the phrasing appeared to put a new emphasis on Israel coming to terms with a need to end its 22 years of military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

Bush and Mubarak agreed on the usefulness of an international framework for a peace conference, the official said, despite the opposition of Shamir to that idea—but Bush insisted it should be well prepared in advance while Mubarak is said to want an early international meeting, perhaps by the end of 1989.

Mubarak, answering questions at a dinner last night, said he was not asking the Bush administration to pressure Israel. "Exerting pressure won't solve anything," he said.

Bush did not spell out the political rights he seeks for the Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza. Nor did he amplify his call for an end to Israeli occupation of the territories lost by the Arabs in the Middle East war of 1967.

At his meetings with members of Congress, Mubarak reportedly answered a series of congressional questions about the chances for peace, the need for an international conference, the possibility of elections in the occupied territories, and other issues.

Arab leaders will meet soon to discuss the Palestinian problem and other regional issues, a PLO official said in Abu Dhabi today. Palestinian Foreign Minister Farouk Kaddoumi told reporters the summit would be held either in Riyadh or Morocco.

Sabah in Syria Lebanon truce call; 4th week of terror

BEIRUT, April 4, (Agencies): Terrified Lebanese residents, crammed 40 to 50 in basements of shell-battered buildings, today faced the fourth week of a pitiless artillery showdown, pinning their only hopes on an Arab League truce plan.

As shelling resumed with fresh intensity early this afternoon, political sources said an Arab League committee, trying to arrange a ceasefire, planned to ask Army commander Major General Michel Aoun to end a sea blockade of ports which sparked the violence and propose a two-month truce.

The committee would also ask Syria's Muslim and leftist allies to lift their siege of the Christian enclave, controlled by Aoun's men.

The sound of shelling echoed across the capital for the 22nd day of violence which started after Aoun imposed the blockade. It has now engulfed one third of Lebanon in the worst artillery bombardment in 14 years of civil war in a confrontation which has dwarfed most earlier fighting.

After a night of savage bombardment when thousands of shells blasted more than 100 areas in the capital, the mountains and the Syrian-held east Bekaa, shelling eased briefly.

A few shells hit Christian areas in Beirut and Druze mountains to the southeast but fighting later intensified with shells hitting Christian coastal areas north of Beirut and others slamming into West Beirut residential areas close to the "green line" battlefield dividing the capital.

Since March 14, at least 123 people have been killed and 473 wounded in the fighting pitting Syrian gunners and their local Muslim allies against mainly Christian troops. Most of the casualties were civilians.

"People are living in shelters all day and night long... 40 or 50 people together," another resident said.

Nearly 1,000 residents yesterday and today managed to flee the blitzed capital, taking a ferry to Cyprus from the port of Jounieh.

"Save the babies, save the babies," screamed the head nurse as shells burst near her hospital in East Beirut.

Nurses dashed for the children's ward on the third floor, scooped up 40 infants and dived for the shelter.

Minutes later three shells slammed into the hospital turning the ward to rubble.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed who heads the Arab League committee arrived in Damascus tonight for talks with Syrian officials on the situation in Lebanon.

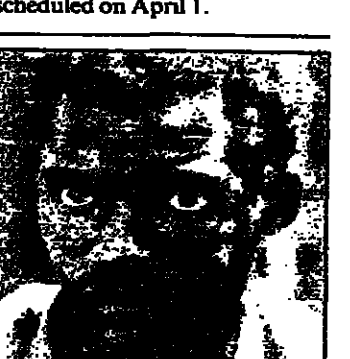
The league's secretary-general

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Maltese ship missing in Gulf

BAHRAIN, April 4, (Reuters): A Maltese-registered freighter bound for Bombay has been reported missing in the Gulf, shipping sources said today.

They said the 2,958-tonne Rahim Three left Doha in the central Gulf with a full load of scrap metal last Thursday but failed to appear in the Emirate of Fujairah for bunker fuel as scheduled on April 1.



Captured

One of the SWAPO guerrillas held by Namibian police faces the press. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Give up weapons for cash: Colombo

COLOMBO, April 4, (Agencies): The government yesterday offered money to Sinhalese and Tamil militants for every weapon they surrendered, in an effort to end six years of ethnic violence that has claimed more than 12,500 lives, a government communiqué said.

The cash offer followed a peace package offered Saturday by President Ranasinghe Premadasa, that included unconditional amnesty and seats in Parliament.

A Defence Ministry statement said automatic weapons would be exchanged for the rupee equivalent of \$1,000 and semi-automatic repeater shotguns for \$300.

It said \$30 would be paid for any form of gelignite (a blasting explosive) and one kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of explosives.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratna said earlier yesterday that the government would set up six or seven reception centres in each of the country's 25 districts to receive radicals who were willing to give up their weapons.

He told a meeting of newspaper editors that neither Tamil rebels nor Sinhalese extremists had yet responded to the peace proposal, but there was no time frame for them to reply.

The offer was received critically by some legislators.

"The President (earlier) offered the militants only peace and security. Now he is offering them money. I don't think it will work," said an opposition Sinhalese lawmaker who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, a former Tamil rebel group, which won the most number of seats in the North and East, today said it fears the present Indian military operation in the north-eastern Mullaitivu district will diminish whatever chance left for a peaceful solution to the Tamil ethnic conflict.

Velupillai Balakumar, leader of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) told KUNA in Colombo that the extremist Tamil Tiger rebels, against whom the operation has been launched, have hardened their attitude following the offensive.

"Following the intensity and insensitivity of the operation, now they (the Tigers) want a total withdrawal of the Indian troops before anything else follows," Balakumar said.

EROS demands that all Tamil political prisoners currently held in detention should be released and a constitutional amendment which requires all lawmakers disavow separatism to be repealed.

"Government officials have promised us of speedy action on the prisoners matter," Balakumar said.

Indian opposition walks out

Release of Thakkar report in full rejected

NEW DELHI, April 4, (Agencies): The ruling Congress (I) Party today crushed opposition demands for the release of all sections of a report that implicates an aide of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in her 1984 slaying, sparking verbal duels and walk-outs in parliament.

Heated arguments flared in both houses of the legislature during protests prompted by a decision yesterday by Lower House Speaker Balram Jakhar that the government did not have to reveal all the findings of a commission of inquiry into the assassination by M.P. Thakkar, a document that had been suppressed on national security grounds.

The walkout occurred in the upper house, while in the lower house, an opposition move to invite legal opinion on what constituted the full report was

rejected when ruling Congress Party members voted against the proposal.

Jakhar ruled that the government had fulfilled its obligations by showing the main sections and was not bound to show the withheld sections, but the opposition today pressed on with their demands that the entire report be released if there is to be any verdict on Dhawan.

Members in the Lok Sabha, called for Attorney General K. Parasaran to be summoned so the highest-ranking legal adviser could explain why he had recommended that the prohibited sections remain suppressed.

However, their motion was squashed during a vote in the house, where Rajiv's Congress (I) Party holds a massive majority.



While swimming through the oil covered water in the Port of Valdez, a sea otter snacks on some clams. (Reuter wirephoto)

Danger of oil spill in Rhine is over

Birds die in Alaska

WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 4, (Agencies): Salvage crews yesterday towed a badly damaged oil tanker into port after it ran aground in the Rhine river and officials said any danger of a major oil spill was over.

Workers pumped 150 metric tons (165 tons) of fuel oil out of the vessel Rhineland 24 and towed it to Oppenheim harbour where the remainder of the load was being pumped out, according to the Hesse state water protection police.

The ship was originally carrying about 1,200 metric tons (1,320 tons) of fuel oil.

Officials had been worried the strong Rhine currents would break the vessel apart and spill its cargo into the river, but authorities said that danger had passed now that the ship was in a protected harbour.

"The danger is over of any big oil spill," said an official at the water protection police.

The vessel ran aground on an underwater stone wall near the city of Oppenheim, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of Frankfurt, at 4 am (0200 GMT) Monday, according to the water protection police.

It was later dislodged from the wall, but it was badly damaged. In another incident, thousands of birds and untold number of sea otters have died since more than 11 million gallons of Alaska crude oil gushed out of the tanker Exxon Valdez March 24 — fouling an area bigger than the state of Rhode Island by yesterday.

Gorbachev to visit UK

'Soviets trying to deceive West'

LONDON, April 4, (Agencies): Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said yesterday on the eve of the 40th anniversary of NATO, that the Soviet Union is trying to deceive Western public opinion into supporting it while the Red Army looms over Europe.

Howe made the comments in a television interview in the same programme, former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev appeared to be trying to "disarm Western Europe."

The renewed expressions of fear about the effect of the so-called "Gorbachev charm factor" on Western voters and NATO cohesion came two days before the Soviet President is scheduled to visit Britain.

"It is interesting to see the way in which the Soviet Union (is) constantly seeking to beguile public opinion by throwing something else into the pot," Howe said on the BBC's "Panorama" current affairs programme.

Despite Gorbachev's announcement last December of plans to reduce the Soviet Army by 500,000 troops, Howe said, "the thing that still looms large over the European continent is this huge bear of a Russian Army, a tremendously well-armed, massive Army, well-stocked with tanks and artillery."

Kissinger, referring to Gorbachev's reform policies, said he thought the Soviet Union's "secret dream" was to get the benefit of Western Europe's economic strength "for the reconstruction of the Soviet Union... but at the same time to disarm Western Europe."

"I wouldn't think it's constructive to go back to exercising a little bit of a ritual mutual propagandistic accusations," Soviet official Andrei Grachov said last evening on ITN Channel 4 news. Grachov, deputy head of the Communist Party central committee's international relations department is in London in preparation for the Soviet President's visit April 5 to 7.

"I thought we left already behind the time of allegations about the Soviet bear menacing Western Europe," Grachov said of Howe's statement.

Earlier, Howe and Defence Secretary George Younger said in a joint statement that Western unity and strength had brought about Soviet arms reduction overtures.

Meanwhile Cuba and the Soviet Union seal 30 years of close but sometimes uneasy alliance today.

Gorbachev will sign a treaty of friendship and co-operation with President Fidel Castro intended to show the world that unity prevails between the two communist allies although they have chosen different roads to solve their economic and social problems.

The two leaders' first round of talks yesterday centred on Latin America's problems and a Soviet spokesman said they agreed its huge foreign debt of \$420 billion to industrialised nations amounted to "effective robbery."

Castro contends that the developing world's external debt is unpayable and should be written off but Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov gave no indication if that drastic view was shared by Gorbachev.

Fighting rages in Namibia

190 killed in clashes

WINDHOEK, Namibia, April 4, (Agencies): South African-backed forces operating under virtually no UN supervision pursued SWAPO guerrillas in northern Namibia today, pushing the death toll in four days of fighting to 190 as diplomatic efforts to end the bloodletting and save the territory's independence plan intensified.

SWAPO guerrilla leader Sam Nujoma branded UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's report on the fighting as incorrect and "one-sided" and said the situation in northern Namibia had deteriorated into a "full-scale war."

As senior UN officials gathered in the Angolan capital of Luanda in a frantic search for a way of ending the fighting, Nujoma met with ambassadors in Zimbabwe representing the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Nujoma told reporters he asked the diplomats to press the council of sending the full complement of UN peacekeeping forces to the territory immediately as the first step toward restoring peace and putting UN Security Council Resolution 435 back on track.

He denied any SWAPO guerrillas had entered Namibia since the independence plan went into effect on Saturday and rejected Perez de Cuellar's account in which he is reported to have acknowledged SWAPO incursions from Angola but without "hostile intent."

"That statement is incorrect because the secretary-general's representatives in Namibia (Martti Ahtisaari), only got a report from the South African side and therefore the secretary-general's statement is one-sided," Nujoma said.

The UN sources said the secretary-general's report to the Security Council, delivered orally last evening, did not blame either side for what resulted in one of the bloodiest battles in SWAPO's long campaign for Namibian independence.

Bursts of automatic gunfire could clearly be heard at night and troops laid down artillery fire and lit the sky with flares after reports of a planned advance by SWAPO guerrillas.

Helicopter gunships ranged across the sky, seeking out SWAPO ambushes, and armoured cars and supply convoys threw up huge columns of white dust along the normally quiet roads.

Martti Ahtisaari, the head of the international force of peacekeepers in the territory, travelled



Namibian police display weapons allegedly captured from SWAPO guerrillas during heavy fighting. (Reuter wirephoto)

150,000 children die each year

UNITED NATIONS, April 4, (Reuter): About 150,000 children in southern Africa die each year because of the effects of conflict, particularly in Angola and Mozambique, according to a report published today under the auspices of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).

"By 1988, the number of Angolan and Mozambican children under the age of five whose lives were lost as a consequence of war and destabilisation totalled more people than were killed by atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

"The toll is still rising and will not fall until the conflicts have ceased," it said, alluding to insurgencies backed at various times by South Africa against those countries' Marxist governments.

The report, titled "Children on the Front Line: The Impact of Apartheid, Destabilisation and Warfare on children in Southern and South Africa," was drafted by UNICEF by eight experts on economic, medical and political aspects of the region.

to the battle zone amid growing accusations that the UN was at least partly to blame for the vicious flare-up in the 22-year-old war between SWAPO and the South African-led security forces.

Marrack Goulding, the head of UN peacekeeping forces around the world, was due in the Angolan capital Luanda to discuss how to end the fighting with the Angolans and leaders of the SWAPO guerrillas.

"The idea is to arrange a ceasefire," Colonel Michael Moriarty of UNTAG said.

A police spokesman said 171 guerrillas and 19 police had been killed since Saturday, the day a formal ceasefire came into effect as part of the UN peace plan.

Haiti Army rebels return to barracks

Commanders freed

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, April 4, (AP): The government said today it freed three military commanders arrested after Sunday's failed coup attempt, and mutinous soldiers reportedly surrendered control of the capital's airport and returned to their barracks.

State television announced Lt. Col. Himmiller Rebu, commander of the Leopards battalion; Col. Philippe Biambry; and Col. Leonce Qualo were given safe passage to the United States. Biambry was commander of the Presidential Guard.

Rebu had been accused of leading Sunday's attempt to overthrow the government of Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril. At least four mutinous soldiers were reported killed yesterday in skirmishes with troops loyal to Avril.

A government communiqué today said Rebu, Biambry and Qualo were escorted to the border of the Dominican Republic last night to get a flight to an undisclosed city in the United States.

Rebu was accompanied by his wife and four children.

Independent Radio Haiti Inter said rebel units of the Leopards battalion withdrew last night from the Port-au-Prince airport, but the airport remained closed. Schools also were closed for a second day.

The government did not explain why the three officers were freed, but the move was clearly meant to defuse resistance within the Leopards battalion. Rebellious members of the battalion had demanded that authorities free Rebu.

US embassy spokeswoman Susan Clyde said the rebels did not appear a serious threat to Avril. "I don't think Avril will be ousted," she said. "The event was resolved."

Last night, Presidential Guardsmen in tanks battled Leopards commandos on a main thoroughfare between the airport and downtown Port-au-Prince.

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Pamella leaves Hong Kong hospital

HONG KONG, April 4, (Reuter): Pamela Bordes, the woman said by the British press to be involved in a House of Commons sex scandal, walked out of a Hong Kong hospital before dawn today, a hospital spokesman said.

"She left without a doctor's discharge and at her own decision at the early morning hours," Wayne Woodhams, of the Adventist Hospital said.

He said she left about 4.30 am after being admitted on Sunday afternoon following a motorcycle accident in Indonesia, where her lawyer said she had fled to escape the British tabloid press.

Woodhams said he was not told of her destination or current whereabouts.

"I am not privy to that and I don't want to be privy to that," he said.

Bordes, 27, a former parliamentary researcher, had minor surgery to clean up abrasions on her face, Woodhams said.

In the past three weeks, Bordes has been linked with two British Sunday newspaper editors, members of Parliament and a senior official of the Libyan secret service, which prompted calls for a security inquiry.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that Bordes once spent the night on a country estate owned by Princess Anne.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said Bordes had met Princess Anne's husband, Captain Mark Phillips, an Olympic horseman, at an equestrian course he had organised in Scotland in early 1987.

"She was subsequently invited by an employee of captain Phillips to stay at a cottage on the Gatcombe Park estate," the spokeswoman said.

Bordes did not meet the royal couple when she visited the estate in rural Gloucestershire, the palace said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Defence talks

GUENZBURG, West Germany, April 4, (AP): Chancellor Helmut Kohl took a break today from domestic woes to meet with French President Mitterrand to talk about a defence issue that has isolated West Germany within the NATO alliance.

Jet crash-lands

LIMA, Peru, April 4, (AP): A domestic jetliner carrying 130 people crash-landed in flames at a jungle airport, the government news agency said today. It said 14 people were injured, but reported no deaths.

Pan Am fire

MIAMI, April 4, (UPI): A Pan American World Airways flight to Paris had to return to Miami international airport last night because one of its engines caught fire, passengers said.

Death threats

BELFAST, April 4, (AP): The British Broadcasting Corp. has transferred two of its Belfast-based journalists out of Northern Ireland after they received death threats from the Irish Republican Army, a news report said.

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Chadli Klibi, a member of the committee, also flew in here tonight.

The committee officials plan to meet Muslim and leftist militia leaders in Damascus tomorrow and Christian leaders later in Amman to discuss a plan for ceasefire.

● A US embassy official said two American officers assigned to the Lebanese Defence Ministry as part of a three-man technical assistance team were evacuated yesterday, leaving only one in place.

● France sent a top-level envoy on a peace mission to Beirut today while 75 French entertainers and intellectuals requested Lebanese nationality to show solidarity with a country "threatened by death."



Walesa




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Walesa's departure casts doubt on reform deal

WARSAW, April 4, (AP): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa went home to Gdansk today after a marathon negotiating session with authorities on Poland's future broke up over the issue of protecting workers' incomes.

A spokesman in Walesa's office in Gdansk confirmed he had gone home and said Walesa would return to Warsaw tomorrow morning.

But the Solidarity leader's sudden departure from the capital appeared to cast doubt on the possibility of concluding a historic reform agreement with authorities tomorrow, as originally planned.

In Warsaw, negotiators were seeking ways to overcome the disagreement with the official trade union alliance Opoz over linking wage increases to the inflation rate. The dispute emerged earlier today, threatening to scuttle agreements on economic and political reforms reached during two months of talks between Solidarity and authorities.

An "editing" committee of senior government and opposition negotiators met at the council of ministers palace in Warsaw. A source close to Solidarity said.

Walesa's decision to make the four-hour

drive to Gdansk immediately after a 10-hour meeting with Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak ended at 2 am.

The Solidarity leader had been expected to stay in Warsaw today for further talks with Kiszczak, state-controlled radio reported at midday the talks had resumed.

"All I can say is that the talks are to be continued," Ryszard Straus of the government press office said when asked about the developments. A government news conference scheduled for today was cancelled.

US acts to battle terrorism in sky

More Boeing defects found

WASHINGTON, April 4, (AP): The United States has announced new measures to combat sky terrorism as relatives of passengers killed in the Pan Am Flight 103 explosion complained about aviation security and the government's "lack of compassion."

US Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner told a news conference Monday that airlines will be required to install devices to detect plastic explosives in major US and foreign airports. Skinner and US President George Bush met with several relatives of those killed when the jetliner exploded over Scotland.

Relatives of victims in the December 21 explosion, which has been blamed on a plastic device hidden in a radio-cassette player, praised Bush for concern shown in the meeting and said Skinner's announcement was a good first step.

Skinner said he would recommend against a coordinated congressional inquiry, although Bush told the relatives he would consider pressing for such a probe instead of several separate congressional investigations.

Skinner said the FBI and Scotland Yard were best qualified to conduct the criminal investigation. He also disputed suggestions that government response to the explosion has been inadequate.

The transportation secretary, in his announcement, also ordered airlines to acknowledge all Federal Aviation Administration security bulletins within 24 hours. He said compliance would be mandatory.

Such bulletins tell airlines of possible threats, and sometimes recommend steps that can be taken to avert them. In the past, such recommendations generally have been advisory.

Skinner said the government would help negotiate for the installation in foreign airports of the latest thermal neutron analysis equipment — which can detect plastic explosives. But he said airlines would have to pay the cost, estimated at up to 100 million or more to cover major airports.

Skinner gave no timetable for installing the devices. An FAA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it could take years to get all of the units installed.

The government has plans to install six such devices, which cost nearly one million dollars each, in various airports before the end of the year. Skinner said cost of the equipment likely would add between 20 cents and a dollar to each airline ticket.

Additional FAA security specialists were being sent to the busiest US and foreign airports to aid in surveillance, Skinner said. He also announced that the FAA will proposed changes in security programmes to require state-of-the-art X-ray and metal-detection equipment in airports and to require that airline pilots get "appropriate security information."

Another 36 Boeing Co. planes have been found with crossed wiring or plumbing lines, bringing the total of Boeing planes with that problem to 95, the US Federal Aviation Administration said Monday.

The latest 36 all belong to foreign carriers, Kiro-TV quoted the FAA as saying. The television station did not say which airlines the planes reportedly belonged to and FAA spokesmen were not immediately reachable by telephone Monday night.



Kim Hyon-Hui, (L) the North Korean saboteur walks into a Seoul courtroom yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Kill her'

SEOUL, April 4, (AP): Prosecutors demanded the death penalty today for a confessed North Korean agent who said she planted a bomb that downed a South Korean airliner in 1987, killing all 115 people on board.

Calling it "an unpardonable crime to mankind," prosecutor Lee Sang-Hyung blamed "the dictatorship in North Korea for the grave crime of killing the passengers."

The confessed North Korean agent, Kim Hyon Hui, 27, bowed her head and sobbing, and told the court, "it is fortunate the truth has been disclosed."

"I now curse (North Korean President) Kim Il Sung and Kim Jung Il (his son and heir)," she said, wiping her eyes with a handkerchief. "I do not know how to atone for my crime."

Sentencing was set for April 25.

Court officials indicate privately that Kim may be pardoned. They say she was duped by North Korea and has repented.

The court heard testimony yesterday that the bomb Kim and a companion planted on the plane disguised as a radio and a liquor bottle was so powerful it would have destroyed the plane in less than a second.

"Why do you keep her alive?" Screamed relatives of victims allowed into the courtroom.

Security was tight as hundreds of police and security agents ringed Seoul district court for the hearing. South Korean law stipulates a court hearing must be held even if a suspect has confessed.

Retirement no danger to marriages

BOSTON, April 4, (UPI): Many people may dread or delay retiring because they fear ruining their marriage but a new study has found a husband's retirement does not create serious marital problems for most couples.

The three-year study of 92 couples found a majority — 60 per cent — said the husband's retirement within the past year had actually resulted in a "somewhat" or "much" better quality of life.

Only 10 per cent of the couples reported

their marriages had deteriorated since the retirement and in most cases that deterioration could be traced to other factors, such as an illness, the study found.

The rest of the couples said retirement had not changed their marriage, said Barbara Vinick, an assistant professor of social and behavioural medicine at Boston University School of Public Health. Vinick conducted the study with David Ekerdt of the University of Kansas Medical Centre.

In fact, the study indicates the best way to predict whether retirement will adversely affect a marriage is to look at the marriage before retirement. If it is good, then it should be good afterward and vice versa, she said.

Vinick noted the retirement did have some short-term negative effects on both the husband and the wife. She stressed, however, that in most cases the negative effects only lasted several weeks or months and then the couple adjusted.

Many of the women in the study reported feelings of "impingement," in which they felt their husbands' increased presence in the house infringed on their privacy and disrupted their routines.

Many of the husbands in the study went through a period the researchers dubbed "the second look," in which they were often "dismayed at their wives' humdrum routines" and "what they considered the inordinate amount of time spent on housework."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wyman wants tot with teen

LONDON, April 4, (Reuters): Rolling Stone Bill Wyman said yesterday he plans to start a family when he marries his teen-age girlfriend Mandy Smith, despite difference in their ages.

Wyman, 52, said he wanted to throw off his bachelor lifestyle and be a good husband to the 19-year-old Smith when they wed next June.

"I think I will be capable (of having children) for the next 20 years," the millionaire rock star said from the Caribbean island of Antigua where the Rolling Stones are recording their new album.

The relationship prompted widespread press criticism six years ago when Wyman started dating Smith, then a 13-year-old schoolgirl.

Soviet offers to launch Briton

LONDON, April 4, (KUNA): A British woman could be launched into space, by courtesy of the Soviet Union, it was suggested here today.

The world's first woman cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova told a London press conference last night that "negotiations are being conducted with a view to signing an agreement to train a representative of Britain to participate in a joint mission in outer space, but I do not know whether there will be a lady among them."

She pointed out that as far as training is concerned the Soviet Union would provide the necessary support "and if it is a lady she will be welcomed very warmly."

Rogue elephant herd kills 8

NEW DELHI, April 4, (Reuters): A herd of elephants has killed eight people and spread terror in central India, the *Hindustan Times* reported today.

The newspaper said in a report from Madhya Pradesh state that experts on elephants had been rushed to the area to try to get rid of the 20-strong herd that had destroyed 120 houses.

The newspaper said the rampaging herd had been driven out of neighbouring states by canal building and in the past two months had spread panic through 50 villages.

Burglars outrun Olympian

AGEN, France, April 4, (Reuters): Former Olympic silver medalist Michel Jazy couldn't keep up the pace in a race against two jewel thieves.

Jazy, 52, who set a world record of 3 minutes 53.6 seconds for the mile in 1965, chased the burglars from a jewellery shop in Agen in the southern France.

But the burglars were too quick for him and escaped on a moped, police said.

Hope for stroke victims

Brain drain saves

WASHINGTON April 4, (UPI): Inserting a surgical "drain inside the brain" can help save the lives of some people stricken by severe strokes once considered untreatable, brain surgeons told a medical conference yesterday.

The surgeons from the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, said the treatment is designed to aid people whose strokes are caused by a sudden rupturing of blood vessels in the brain, versus the more common type of stroke caused by blocked blood vessels.

About five per cent of people have a bulging of blood vessels in their brains called aneurysms. When aneurysms break, a stroke occurs — and about one out of 100,000 Americans suffer such a stroke each year.

In findings presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Arizona team described its study of 54 aneurysmal stroke victims whose conditions were "so dismal" that doctors normally do not perform surgery.

"When such people come to the emergency room, traditionally we would not be able to treat them," said Dr Julian Bailes, head of the study that ran from January 1986 through June 1989.

Watt's the matter in Calcutta?

'Blood flows Red for power'

CALCUTTA, April 4, (Reuters): The communist government of India's West Bengal state is calling for blood — to pay for electricity.

The Calcutta-based government has launched a major blood donation campaign to help raise 10 billion rupees (\$650 million) to build a thermal power plant to overcome chronic shortages.

The campaign is also aimed at spurring Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and boosting the communist's own election prospects.

Binan Bose, a West Bengal Marxist leader, told Reuters in a recent interview that the state government was fed up with what he called New Delhi's apathy and had decided to fund the power station on its own.

The initial work has begun and the state government aims to finish it by 1995. But at the moment the project is generating controversy rather than electricity.

Rajiv's Congress (I) Party has called the blood donation an election year political stunt and offered to find some of the money if West Bengal shares electricity with neighbouring states.

But Bose, who has donated blood three times, said the state government wanted 70 per cent of the electric power generated by the plant rather than 30 per cent offered by the national government.

He said the money was being raised from donations, loans from small savings, the state budget, blood donations and voluntary labour.

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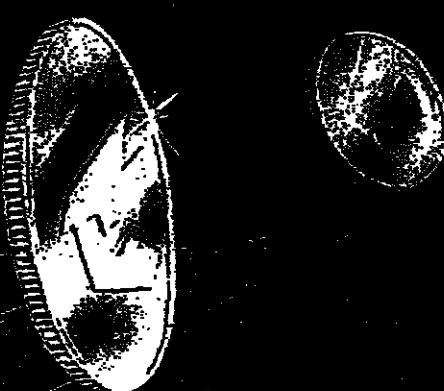
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Commerce co-operation

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): The president of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Al Saqr today received the president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Soviet Armenian republic, Ashot Serkesian.

The two officials discussed co-operation between the Arab chambers of commerce and the Soviet Union, economic and trade relations and means of developing them in various fields.

AIDS free certificate

THE government of Pakistan has decided that all foreigners visiting Pakistan for more than one year will have to provide an 'AIDS free certificate' to the embassy of Pakistan to get a visa for Pakistan. The certificate must be obtained from a reputable laboratory, a press release by the Embassy of Pakistan said.

"Any foreigner who intends to stay in Pakistan for a period of one year or more and is not in possession of an AIDS free certificate shall have to fill up a card provided by the airport or seaport health authorities giving his address in Pakistan and will have to get his blood tested for AIDS from a laboratory, it said. Diplomats have been exempted, it added.

KFAS awards

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): HH the Amir patronised the prize-giving ceremony for 1988 on Monday, at the premises of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences.

Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shammari, deputising for HH the Amir, delivered a statement affirming His Highness' interest in patronising the annual ceremony to encourage scientific research in Kuwait and the Arab countries.

He said, "it is our duty to provide scientists with due care to pursue their research work under the best possible circumstances."

Educational council

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri today signed a ministerial decision forming the supervisory council for the rehabilitation and training of teachers.

The council will be chaired by the minister, who will determine the ministry's needs for teachers and other assistant educational specialists and will develop the educational cadres.

The council comprises Kuwait University's Sector, education undersecretary, director-general of the Applied Science and Education's Public Authority, dean of the university's Education Faculty, dean of the Basic Education College at the Public Authority, director of the Ministry's Training Centre and three nominees.

Fishermen's union

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti on Monday opened the new premises of the Kuwaiti Fishermen's Union, located on Arabian Gulf Street.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdulaziz Al Rashed, Planning Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai, and State Minister for Housing Affairs Abdullah Al Rawdhan, in addition to a number of other high-ranking officials.

Chairman of the fishermen's union Abdul Rahman Al Shatti welcomed the audience.

Bhasin awards

NEW DELHI External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, recently distributed the 1988 Om Prakash Bhasin awards for Science and Technology to a select group of eight Indian scientists and researchers.

Dr G.S. Venkataraman and Dr S.K. Sinha of Indian Agricultural Research Institute received the award in the field of agriculture and allied sciences. The others are Dr V. Jagannathan of Tata Energy Research Institute (Biotechnology), Prof R. Narasimhan of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (Electronics and Telecommunications), Dr R.K. Bhandari of Central Building Research Institute (Engineering and Transportation), Mr P.R. Roy of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (Energy), Dr M.G. Desai of Cancer Research Institute (Health and Medical Sciences) and Dr K. Kasturirangan of ISRO Satellite Centre (Space & Aerospace).

Thai envoy

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): HH the Amir will today receive the credentials of the new ambassador of Thailand to Kuwait at Bayan Palace.

Congratulations

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Yasser Arafat on the occasion of his election as President of the independent Palestinian state.



Sheikh Salem awarding a medal to an officer for outstanding duty.

Military honoured

KUWAIT'S Minister of the Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, yesterday decorated a number of senior officials with the first class meritorious medal for military duty.

Director-General of the Installations Security and Special Forces Department Brigadier Yusuf Al Mishari and Director-General of the State Security Department Brigadier Fahed Al Fahed were among the 31 decorated officials.

Speaking at the ceremony, the minister praised the efforts of the decorated officials and expressed the hope that these medals will encourage officials to exert more efforts towards protecting the country's security and stability.

The ceremony was attended by ministry under-secretary Major-General Yusuf Al Khorafi and Director of the Minister's Office Col Yaqoub Al Sajari.

Director-General of the Police Emergency Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Hajji Abdurrahman also decorated a number of officers and warrant officers with service medals awarded by HH the Amir. The awards consisted of 15 gold medals, 25 silver and 20 bronze. The ceremony was attended by Col Mohammed Al Qatani, assistant director-general at the Police Emergency Department, and a number of senior officials.

Citizenship in phases

Restricted to Arabs

PERMANENT residencies may be granted to certain sections of expatriates, well-informed sources said.

A comprehensive project is to be discussed shortly by the demographic policies committee of the Higher Planning Council.

Sources said that such permanent residencies will be allocated priority basis to foreign husbands of Kuwaiti women and their children, foreign wives of Kuwaiti men and their children, and qualified personnel who have served the country for long periods of time.

The next phase will be applicable to expatriates nominated to obtain Kuwaiti nationality, including businessmen and those involved in academic and educational activities.

The project of granting such permanent residencies is, however, restricted to Arab expatriates only. The number of such residencies is expected to cover several thousand expatriates, sources said.

The demographic policies committee has been given the green signal by the Council of Ministers and the Higher Planning Council to study the issue from all aspects to determine exact preconditions for granting such residencies and then to submit its recommendations, the sources said.

Japanese just don't know: poll

Arab a stranger

TOKYO, April 4, (KUNA): Most Japanese are ignorant about the Arabs, according to an opinion poll conducted recently by the Kuwait News Agency.

A majority of the 370 Japanese surveyed said they did not know much about the Arabs. About 71 per cent said they learnt about the Arabs from the book of legends "One Thousand and One Nights", 26 per cent got information from American movies while only three per cent said they followed Arab news in local Japanese media.

According to the poll, 13 per cent of those questioned said they were aware of Arab politics during the term of late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser

The Japanese who were questioned said they got most information about the Arabs from other people or going through "school books", which do not explain much about Arabs or Muslims.

while seven per cent said they have read a great deal about the Arab-Israeli conflict.

About four per cent of the Japanese said they identified the Arabs with "hoses, oil, deserts, tents and veiled women."

A majority of those questioned said they did not know where Palestine was located. Some said Palestine is in Egypt and others believed it was in Lebanon.



Caring for the disabled

BRITISH Ambassador to Kuwait Peter Hinchcliffe yesterday formally handed over 12 Matrix Seating Units for the severely disabled to the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped.

They were received by the Director of the Society, Hashem Taqi and members of the board.

The units were purchased for the society by funds provided by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

A part of the funding money, about KD6,500, will be used to send a technician and a physiotherapist to the UK for training. A British technician from Clinical Engineering Designs, who made the units, visited Kuwait to supervise the assembling of the special chairs.

Hinchcliffe flanked by Hashem Taqi and Mrs Hinchcliffe

Habash seeks Arab support

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber today met the secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) Dr George Habash in the presence of state minister for foreign affairs and other senior ministry officials.

Following his meeting with Sheikh Sabah, Dr Habash told reporters that the Palestinian uprising was the emphasis of the talks.

The PFLP official has urged Arab regimes to increase their support of the uprising, financially and politically.

"Kuwait may not have a large population such as Egypt, or the military might of some Arab states, but it enjoys a good reputation and a sincere wish to back our cause," Dr Habash said.

He added, "We have requested that this reputation be utilized for the best interest of the uprising for the children, women and masses, who deserve the support of all."

Commenting on US President George Bush's call for an international peace conference, Dr Habash said that the American administration must voice a clear recognition of the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people.

The PFLP chief considered it an "accomplishment" if Arab leaders were able to convince the US administration to recognize the right of Palestinians to determine their own destiny and establish their own state.

Regarding the proposals of Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir toward resolving the problem Dr Habash said that Shamir's ideas go only as far as granting Palestinians self-rule and also aim at aborting the uprising.

Dr George Habash also praised the supportive stances of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier concerning the Palestine cause and the popular uprising against the Zionist occupation.

He told KUNA the uprising is a bright spot in the history of the Palestinian national struggle.

Dr Habash said he was filled with pride over these feelings which indicate the firmness of Kuwait's principled stand toward pan-Arab causes.

The PFLP official said that he had high hopes for the Kuwaiti support in all its forms to the Palestinian people so that they would not feel alone in the battle against Israeli occupation.

"Despite Kuwait's small size and population, it owns a great moral force in the international sphere," Dr Habash said, adding that Kuwait was a pioneer state in utilizing this force in favour of Palestine and other Arab causes.

During the discussions, a number of participants supported the Arabisation project,

while others were against the idea. Supporters said that Arabisation would prevent students withdrawing from higher education in order to avoid having to study in English, while those against the move stated that the work market requires knowledge of English in order to stay up-to-date on the latest scientific developments.

Speaking against Arabisation in the higher education context, Dr Mohammed Jawad Ridha

Child labour prevalent

Legally and socially unacceptable

CHILD labour is prevalent in Kuwait, according to a local daily which undertook a survey of different local work establishments.

Despite the fact that it is socially and legally unacceptable in Kuwait, an affluent country, for children between the ages of 12 and 17 to work, the market is replete with examples of children of varying ages working at various jobs, the daily said.

A large section of these workers say the main reason for working is financial need. Many children work as mechanics, electricians, plumbers and some are even employed in harder professions like loading and unloading. The daily said that officials at

the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour had categorically pointed out that it is illegal for children under 14 years to work in Kuwait.

Salim Mohammed Muneer is 15-year-old student in the fourth intermediate stage. He said that he works as a car electrician after school hours to have a trade in the future, and admitted that his work will adversely affect on his academic career. Upon the encouragement of his father, he said that he doubles his working hours during summer holidays.

Ashraf Mahmood, another teenager, said that he left school a decade ago to help his father who supports a family of eight. His father persuaded him to work at his shop so that a better income

could be provided to the family. Ashraf said that in the initial stages, he found the work to be quite hard, but in due course it has become easier and he is glad he has a trade in hand.

Yusuf Ahmed Abdullah said that he left school after the first intermediate stage. He did not want to leave school, he said, but was compelled to do so to augment family finances. "Thanks to Almighty Allah, we are now in better living conditions and I have gained good experience to open my own garage in the future," Yusuf added.

Khalil Al Dosouki, who is also a car mechanic, says that he had to quit school to help his father who became sick. He has a

dependent residence, which causes him a great deal of problems with officials when they inspect the shop. He is aware that he is working illegally, but adds that he is left with no choice.

Nadim Ahmed, 13 years old, works as a goldsmith's helper with his father. He says that he would like to become as proficient as his father, despite the dangers involved as he works with oxygen and other highly inflammable materials that demand both courage and accuracy. He says that he sees no reason why the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour should prohibit him from taking up honest and gainful employment.

Drug cases rise

Stricter measures adopted

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

DR Mohamed Odeh of Kuwait University, speaking at a drug seminar held yesterday said that drug smuggling, trafficking, and addiction are problems that Kuwait should seriously address.

The seminar, titled "Ways of Treatment and Prevention," was opened by Assistant Rector of Kuwait University for Community Services and Information, Dr Rasha Al Sabah.

Drug problems in Kuwait are attributed to the country's affluence, demography, and geography, according to Dr Odeh. The age group of teenage addicts in Kuwait corresponds to their counterparts in other parts of the world, he said.

The drug problem has not only attracted the attention of experts and government authorities in Kuwait, but has been of serious concern world-wide, according to Dr Odeh.

The seminar is designed to provide a forum for the exchange of concepts to find ways and means of eradicating the menace, he said.

Capt. Hamad Al Surrae from the Ministry of the Interior said that according to statistics, drug cases from 1980 to 1987 had shown an increase. Statistics from 1980 to 1984 indicate that drug cases in courts increased from 101 to 234, while convictions of drug smugglers



Some of the speakers at the seminar.

increased from 206 to 350. Surrae said. He added that from 1986 to 1987 figures showed that drug cases increased from 221 to 236 and that the number of smugglers increased from 342 to 380.

Speaking on types of drugs abused in Kuwait, the official said that hashish and opium addiction had decreased compared to heroin and kabtagone during 1988. He attributed this to the comparative ease of smuggling heroin into any country.

The drop in Kabtagone addiction, is attributed to the enforcement of the law banning the substance in 1988.

Opium was brought into the country during the 1940s by a few sailors, but was totally rejected by the small society prevailing

then, he said. However, he added, the problem of heroin in Kuwait began in mid-seventies, when students imported this vice from abroad after studying at foreign universities.

He expected that drugs such as cocaine and heroin would spread in the Gulf area due to the influx of tourists from Europe. To stop drug smuggling, authorities have implemented stricter measures to foil any attempt and also increased the intensity of penalties, he said.

Dr Ahmed Al Smaak of Kuwait University said that, according to new articles of the Kuwaiti law stricter penalties, including in some cases the death penalty, have been implemented to prevent the spread of this vice in Kuwait.

For pioneering role in agriculture

Kuwaitis win top Arab award

By Yakub Razaque
Arab Times staff

ONE of Kuwait's leading agricultural companies has won a top Arab agricultural award for its pioneering role in developing and promoting agricultural activities in Kuwait of a ceremony held in Bahrain Sheraton on Monday.

United Agricultural Production Company (UAPC) won the certificate of merit, under the large farm category, of the Arab Farming Award for 1988. The prestigious award, instituted for the first time in the Arab world to honour outstanding performance by Arab companies in agriculture, is organised by the Bahrain-based Arab World Agribusiness (AWA) journal which is published by Falcon Publishing.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, Mohamed Saleh Abu Salah, general manager of UAPC, who attended the AWA awards ceremony, highlighted the role and achievements of the company in contributing to the overall progress of agriculture in Kuwait.

Abu Salah said Kuwait has come a long way since the government started developing and promoting agriculture in the country in a small way in 1960. He added that after 1970 agribusiness picked up considerably

with the provision of subsidised farming by the state in a bid to encourage farmers to increase cultivation and production. Under the policy of subsidised farming, incentives were provided either directly or indirectly through extensive modern technology and monthly stipends on the basis of performance to Kuwaiti farmers, particularly in the private sector.

However, Abu Salah, stated that real progress in the country's agricultural sector was made only after 1980, when the Kuwaiti government intensified farming activities with the aid of modern techniques and by allocating more land for cultivation.

The United Agricultural Production Company, which is 80 per cent state-owned, has played a significant role in boosting agriculture in Kuwait by pioneering production of crops and vegetables on a large scale on arid land with the use of treated sewage water, a new modern irrigation technique. The company, said to be the largest of its kind in Kuwait, was formed in two phases in 1976 and 1985 respectively with financial as well as land allocation by the government. It has a total area of 18 million sq. metres, out of which 14 million sq. metres is under cultivation. About one and a half of the rest is presently being prepared for future cultivation.

Improved postal service

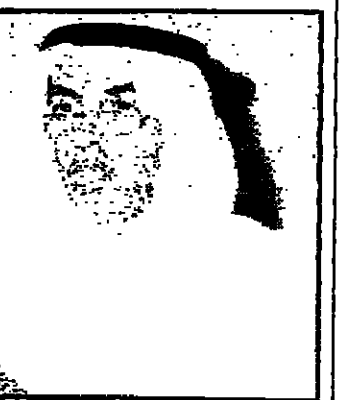
No fresh levies: Al Sharhan

THE Ministry of Communications does not intend to increase existing telephone charges or levy any fresh charges, according to Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan.

The ministry is undertaking the improvement of the level of postal services in a series of seven steps, he added. Amongst these are providing more vehicles to distribute local mail and providing more post boxes at co-operative societies. These, along with other steps to be implemented,

will hopefully enable mail to be delivered within a maximum two-day period, Sharhan said.

He said that transferring the mail portfolio to the private sector depends on several constraints, though the idea is feasible. Such constraints as government support, shareholding prospects, security and confidentiality as well as the assignment of special supervisory personnel will have to be worked out, he said.



Abdullah Al Sharhan

Arabisation endorsed at education meeting

an information campaign must be initiated to spread awareness of the issue throughout the society. She pointed out the lack of co-ordination between the Ministry of Education and Kuwait University in this respect.

Dr Nizar Al Rayes called on Kuwait University to make a clear declaration of approval for Arabisation, in order to give the project a much needed push forward.

Rail link

KUWAIT, April 4, (Reuter): Kuwait is considering a request to build a spur to connect the country with Iraq's railway network. Communications Minister Abdullah Abdulmuneem Al Sharhan was quoted on Tuesday as saying.

In February, the local Al Watan newspaper said Iraq had proposed the idea on the condition Kuwait bear the expenses. Iraq's rail network already extends close to Kuwait's borders.

"This subject has its positive aspects as far as quick transport, as well as its negative ones since it would affect (other forms of) land transport in Kuwait," he told Al Watan on Tuesday.

"We must study the subject and its connection to the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), because you cannot take a decision over railways by yourself without consulting your neighbours," he said. The GCC groups Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates as well as Kuwait.

Health for all: campaign slogan

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): The Ministry of the Interior will take part in the International Health Day and Kuwait's Health Day, which will be held under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah at Dasma theatre.

The ministry's public relations department will display photos of traffic accidents and posters. Samples of drugs and alcohol will also be exhibited to acquaint the public, especially the youth, with their fatal effects on health.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razaq Al Abdul Razaq has said that this year's International Health Day slogan aims at creating awareness about health care.

He said that the slogan "Let's Speak of Health" points out that health is the joint and group responsibility of the individual, the society and the state.

He underlined that through dialogue, appropriate health concepts are endorsed and health habits improved.

Dr Razaq called for shedding more light on the dangers of such youth problems as drugs, smoking and alcoholism, and advocated better mother-child health care.

Dr Hussein Al Momen, head of the Health Awareness Division at the Public Health Ministry, has said the ministry will organise intensive orientation courses for all categories of society beginning next summer.

Cucumbers roll over to France

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): Kuwait today exported for the first time a 2.5 ton shipment of fresh cucumbers to France.

Managing director of the Agricultural Products Company (APC) Khaled Al Rashed said the step came following the boom in the sales of Kuwaiti agricultural produce in the Arabian Gulf markets.

Al Rashed expressed thanks to all of those who supported local products, particularly Kuwaiti farmers, Kuwait Airways Corporation and the state institutions for facilitating such a mission.

APC is in charge of exporting Kuwait's agricultural surplus to markets in the region.



A present and rage

Danish Prime Minister, Poul Schleuter (left), holds a copy of The Satanic Verses, which was given to him as a birthday present. Meanwhile, in Islamabad, Muslims burn an effigy of Rushdie outside the Pakistani Religious Affairs Ministry (right) in protest. (Reuter wirephoto)



Row breaks out at UNESCO over Rushdie

PARIS, April 4, (Reuter): The head of UNESCO yesterday disowned remarks by an intermediary for the UN cultural agency backing calls for the death of British author Salman Rushdie.

"For UNESCO, as a world-wide forum for dialogue and understanding, freedom of creation, of opinion and of expression, with respect for convictions, beliefs and religion, is

essential," UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor said in a statement.

"It is every person's duty to respect other people's religions. It is also every person's duty to respect other people's freedom of expression," he added.

The Iranian news agency IRNA reported this weekend that Habib Chatii, described as an official with the UN cultural agency in

Tehran, had said that Rushdie, author of The Satanic Verses, was an apostate.

"All religions, including Christianity and Judaism, punish apostasy with the death penalty," IRNA quoted Chatii as saying.

IRNA said Chatii, the former secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, was an adviser to Mayor.

US rapped for not recognising rebels

I was not injured: Hikmatyar

KUWAIT, April 4, (Agencies): Foreign Minister of the Afghan rebel government Gulbuddin Hikmatyar has criticised the United States for failing to recognise the mujahedeen government. He also said the rebel government will soon win recognition of many Islamic and Asian countries.

Hikmatyar, in an interview published in Al Mujtamma weekly magazine of Kuwait, said he personally opposes Washington's attempt to designate a special envoy to the mujahedeen government. "If America declared its recognition of the mujahedeen government, we would accept an ambassador from America but not a special envoy," he said.

Sudan Assembly approves peace

48 rebels killed

CAIRO, April 4, (Agencies): Sudan's Constituent Assembly, or parliament, yesterday approved a peace agreement between the Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Democratic Unionist Party to end the nearly six-year civil war in southern Sudan, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, the news agency said the agreement, which was drafted last November, was opposed only by the Islamic National Front.

The INF has also refused to join the recently formed broad-based government under Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi because of its acceptance of the DUP-SPLA peace accord.

Meanwhile the government said today troops had killed 48 rebels of the SPLA in recent fighting in south Kordofan province.

State radio Omdurman said troops had also destroyed three rebel camps in the area southwest of Khartoum, seizing a large haul of arms and ammunition. One soldier and three members of a pro-government militia in the area were killed in the battle.

The Army and SPLA first reported fighting in south Kordofan nearly a week ago, with both sides claiming victory.

The DUP, now the main coalition partner in the cabinet formed last month, had withdrawn from the government for its initial refusal to accept the peace accord. The vacant seats left by the DUP in the cabinet were later filled by the INF.

The news agency said the accord, which reportedly opposes the application of Islamic sharia law in the south, was approved by parliament earlier in the day by a vote of 128 to 23.

All 23 opposing votes belonged to the INF, which is now the main opposition bloc in parliament.



Mirghani Al Nasri

The Christian-led SPLA has been fighting since 1983 for autonomy in the south from the Muslim, Arabic-speaking administration now led by Sadiq.

Three representatives of a new peace-oriented cabinet, formed in March under military pressure, travelled yesterday to Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, for talks with the rebels on proposals that could lead to an early ceasefire.

A member of Sudan's five-man joint presidency Mirghani Al Nasri has asked Syria to mediate in the civil war in south Sudan.

Al Nasri left Damascus for home today after talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam.

Number of Jews leaving Soviet Union reaches record high

GENEVA, April 4, (UPI): Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate soared to a 10-year high of 3,893 in March for a total 8,735 in the first three months of 1989, the Inter-governmental Committee for Migration (ICM) reported today.

An ICM official said: "It seems clear" that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is honouring an end-1986 pledge to make it easier for Jews seeking to leave.

The ICM began helping Soviet Jewish emigrants in 1971 when 12,680 arrived in the

West. Numbers rose steadily to reach a record in 1979 of 51,330 but then fell dramatically because of ever-harsher Kremlin restrictions.

There were 21,470 in 1980, 9,860 in 1981, 2,700 in 1982, 1,320 in 1983, a record low of 922 in 1984, 1,140 in 1985 and just 943 in 1986.

It was in December, 1986, that Gorbachev pledged to make Jewish emigration easier and arrivals in the West promptly jumped to 8,011 in 1987 and 20,082 in 1988.

ICM officials and Jewish aid organisations,

notably the World Union for Progressive Judaism, believe the 1989 total could well reach 40,000.

They noted that monthly arrivals at the ICM reception centre in Vienna are nearly always rising and that 1989 could well approach the record year of 1979. The 8,735 total for the first quarter of the year indeed represented a monthly average of 2,912 — well above the 1,789 monthly average for 1980 and moving towards the 4,277 per month figure in 1979.

Iran pulls envoy in tit-for-tat move

ATHENS, April 4, (UPI): Iran recalled its ambassador in Turkey today, in an apparent tit-for-tat move against Ankara which recalled Turkey's envoy in the Iranian capital a day earlier in a diplomatic row over Iranian interference in Turkey's internal affairs.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), in a dispatch from Tehran, said Iran's Ambassador to Ankara Manuchehr Mottaki "was summoned

here for consultations following the recent unprincipled and unfriendly (stand) of the Turkish government against Mottaki."

The news agency, monitored in Athens, quoted a spokesman of the Iranian Foreign Ministry as saying: "The West's provocations against Islamic sanctities, coupled with collaboration of certain anti-Islamic factions in Turkey," had strained Ankara-Tehran ties.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry

announced yesterday that Ankara was recalling its ambassador in Tehran Omer Akbel because of Iranian interference in Turkey's internal affairs.

Turkey has repeatedly charged over the past month that Iran was interfering in its internal affairs after the constitutional court in Ankara upheld a ban on the Islamic headress by women students in Turkish universities.

On Friday, Ozal threw out seven Islamic fundamentalists

from his cabinet, in a reshuffle seen to be his first step towards reforms within his government.

Turkish Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Nuzhet Kandemir said yesterday the decision to recall Akbel arose from remarks attributed to Mottaki in an interview.

Mottaki was quoted as saying "under instructions of the Majlis" Iran would "have to review" its ties with Turkish over the ban on the Islamic headress.

N-energy vital, Egypt; new heavy water talks

CAIRO, April 4, (UPI): Energy Minister Maher Abaza yesterday refuted allegations by some members of Parliament claiming that both the United States and Israel pressure Egypt to abandon its plan for nuclear development.

Part of the heated parliamentary debate was broadcast by state-run Egyptian Television and Abaza was urged to implement earlier plans to turn the nation towards nuclear energy as this "cheap source of energy was much needed now to help accelerate the country's development programmes."

Abaza, however, said his government still needed more time before going ahead with its ambitious programme to set up eight nuclear power stations to cover 40 per cent of the country's total power needs before the turn of the century.

Abaza put the blame for the delay on the nuclear disaster in the Soviet reactor in Chernobyl in 1986 and said it has forced the government to reconsider its plans of turning nuclear as it needed time to make sure that what happened there would not happen in Egypt.

The minister assured worried members of Parliament that the nuclear programme was however "vital" for Egypt.

"We are being exposed to an international conspiracy and pressures from America and Israel not to enter into the nuclear age," Member of Parliament Hamdi Al Siyyad charged in the debate.

US, West German and French-Italian firms have submitted bids to establish Egypt's first nuclear power station.

Meanwhile, Norway said today that Israel had agreed to reopen talks over a consignment of heavy water — which can be used to make atomic bombs — sold to Israel in a secret deal 30 years ago.

Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg, now visiting occupied Jerusalem, discussed the long-running dispute with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens yesterday, a ministry spokeswoman said.

"Israel has now said it is willing to start a new round of negotiations if this is requested by Norway," she said.

Oslo sold Israel 20 tonnes of heavy water, used in the manufacture of plutonium, in 1959 and has repeatedly demanded the right to inspect it. Media reports since 1986 have charged that Israel used it to make atomic bombs.

A West German firm linked to an alleged Iraqi nuclear weapons project is being investigated for possible foreign trade law violations, the Bielefeld public prosecutor's office said yesterday.

A step ahead

Pak leaders praise Arafat

ISLAMABAD, April 4, (KUNA): President Ghulam Ishaque Khan and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto have felicitated PLO chairman Yasser Arafat on his election as President of the state of Palestine.

In separate messages to the PLO leader, they admired the courageous leadership of Arafat to realise the Palestinian national goal of a homeland.

Khan, in his message to Arafat, said that his appointment to the high office was a measure of determination of the Palestinian people to march ahead for the realisation of their national objective and an evidence of unequivocal loyalty to his courageous leadership.



Israeli Peace Now activists carry torches, flags and "Speak Peace with the PLO Now" banners as they march towards Shamir's house. (Reuter wirephoto)

Shamir leaves for US

Talk to PLO, Israelis ask

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 4, (Reuter): More than 1,000 Israelis marched through the centre of Jerusalem yesterday, urging Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to talk to the PLO and to surprise them with bold peace moves during his visit to Washington.

Shamir left early today for the United States. The Bush administration is expected to press him to come up with ways to end the Middle East peace deadlock and a nearly 16-month-old revolt in Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

Peace activists, young and old, carried torches and banners which read "Speak peace with

the PLO now" and "Shamir, give peace a chance."

Dozens of police on foot and horseback lined Jerusalem's King George Street to prevent any clashes with right-wing groups protesting against the march by the Peace Now Movement.

Police dragged away right-wing activists, including members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's anti-Arab Kach Movement, who tried to confront the Peace Now marchers and others who sang nationalist songs near the peace protesters.

Some of the Kahane supporters shouted "Death to traitors" as the peace activists walked

down the congested Jerusalem street.

Earlier, Shamir promised Jewish settlers in the occupied territories he would never abandon them despite strong pressures on Israel.

"Powerful forces are at work against Israel and it is up to us to prevent these pressures. We must be prepared and united against the PLO," his office quoted him as telling the 70,000 Jews of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip on Sunday.

"Even if I don't say everyday, 'long live the settlements,' I won't abandon them," the 73-year-old hardline leader said.

Accept poll results, Ben Ali tells opposition

TUNIS, April 4, (Reuter): Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali has told disgruntled opposition groups to accept his party's overwhelming victory in parliamentary elections and assured them their opinion would be heeded.

Ben Ali's Democratic Constitutional Union (RCD) won 141 seats in Parliament in Sunday's election, designed to crown the President's promises of democracy and multiparty pluralism.

The main opposition groups, the Movement of Socialist Democrats (MDS) and a loose alliance of Islamic militants, say the conduct of the elections made the results invalid.

But Ben Ali, in a televised speech yesterday evening, said: "Under the rules of democracy one must accept the verdict of the ballot box and submit to the choice of people."

"Although victory went to the RCD, everyone should understand that that is no reason to exclude others or not to listen to them."

The MDS and the Islamic movement continued to allege today that intervention by the ruling party and the administration swung the balance in the RCD's favour.

Interior Minister Chedli Nefati told a news conference yesterday evening that there were malpractices by all parties but the administration stepped in quickly to sort them out.

But the MDS said in a statement today the results did not give a true picture of the will of the Tunisian people. "The chance has been missed once, again."

MDS leader Ahmed Mestiri told a news conference the party believed ballot boxes had been stuffed before counting began.

The Islamic movement, which overtook the MDS as the second political force, has not made a formal statement on the results but individual militants produced new evidence of malpractices.

One Islamic movement observer from the south Tunis suburb of Ben Arous showed reporters an alleged RCD document advising party officials to make sure voters made their choice in public instead of using the polling booths.

Iraq may dissolve RCC

Multi-party system

BAGHDAD, April 4, (UPI): Newly-elected lawmakers in Iraq's parliamentary elections are expected to endorse a new constitution and pass a law establishing a multi-party system and dissolving the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, government officials said today.

Although the results of all 250 seats to the Iraqi national assembly have been made public, there was still no indication as to which party has won the maximum number of seats.

Even without the break-down of results, Iraqi officials praised Saturday's election as "historic." Radio Baghdad said the only cabinet minister standing for election, Kurdish state minister Hashim Hassan Aqawi, failed to win a seat.

But two former cabinet ministers, Hatim Abdul Rashid, who served as light industry minister, and Hashim Hassan Tawfiq, who served as finance minister, won seats.

The Baathist Party's leading political figure in Baghdad, Saadi Meadi Saleh, also won a seat in the poll which government officials said had attracted a high turn-out. No figures on the election have yet been released however.

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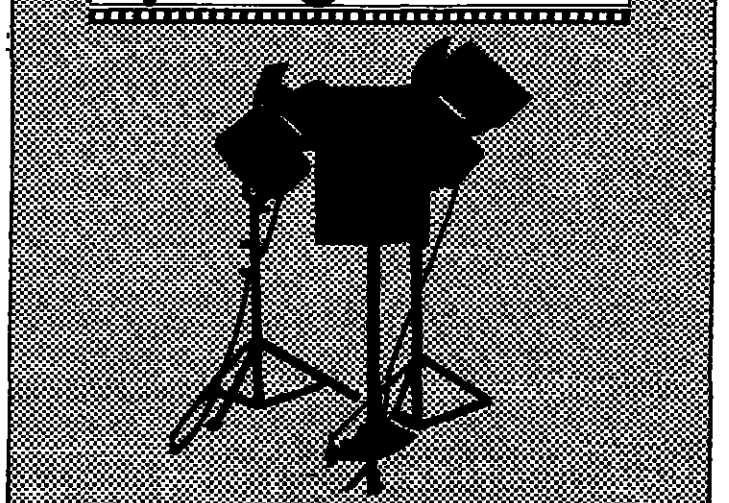
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Cicero, Roman statesman-philosopher (106 BC-43 BC).

Bombings in Turkey

Ominous violence

By Ayse Sarioglu

ANKARA, (Reuters): Bomb attacks on British targets and three big companies in Turkey have raised the spectre of escalating violence after a series of political setbacks have weakened its centre-right government.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told his Motherland Party after the blasts on Sunday night: "We must see if Turkey is again heading towards... a new era of anarchy and discontent of the pre-1980 days."

A British embassy car and a building of the British Council in Ankara were damaged by bomb explosions on Sunday night when the offices of three Istanbul companies were also bombed and slightly damaged. No one was injured in any of the attacks.

The Istanbul explosions were later claimed by the far left Dev-Sol (Revolutionary Left) group, active before the 1980 Army coup which quelled political violence in which 5,000 people died during the late 1970s.

The Marxist-Leninist group, banned since 1980, has mounted a number of attacks on banks and some Motherland offices in Istanbul since November 1988. It was also responsible for several surprise street protests and booby-trapped placards in Istanbul in the past year.

British sources said new security precautions had been taken in British premises in Turkey after threats which followed a political row between Iran and Britain over Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses*.

The book, seen by many Muslims as blaspheming against Islam, led Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini to order Muslims to kill Rushdie, provoking a political storm in the West and leading Tehran to break diplomatic relations with London.

Turkey refused to link the recall of its ambassador from Tehran on Monday to the attacks against British targets.

Accusations

Ankara ordered its envoy to return for consultations and accused Iran of interfering in its internal affairs, saying Iranian officials had shown "a bothersome interest" in a court decision to ban Muslim-type headscarves in Turkish universities.

"I have no comment to make on the incidents as they do not concern our ministry," Nuzhet Kandemir, Foreign Ministry under-secretary, told reporters.

Political instability in the 1970s was widely seen as a factor in the spread of bombings and killings in the streets of Turkish cities before the military coup.

"In line with political developments, such regretful incidents increase," a security source in Istanbul said after Sunday's attacks.

Ozal's ruling Motherland Party came third in local polls on March 26 with 21.9 per cent of the total votes and has come under mounting pressure from the opposition parties to call early general elections.

Ozal said he would ask Parliament for a confidence vote this week but has not responded to calls for early elections.

Both the Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) which led the polls with 28.4 per cent of the votes and the centre-right True Path Party (DYP) which came second have called for early general elections.

In the political tension after the poll, an opposition member of Parliament was shot dead in the Parliament building.

Ozal himself was target of an assassination attempt last June when a gunman opened fire at him during a party congress in Ankara.

Dev-Sol claimed responsibility for three bomb attacks in January against the offices of a Turkish-US business group, an economic development foundation in Istanbul and the Ankara branch of Metal Employers Union.

"If the fight continues we will all end up under the rubble. Ozal must announce, at least when early general elections can be held," wrote columnist Mehmet Ali Birand in the liberal daily *Milliyet*.

Fluctuations undesired

VIENNA, April 4, (OPECNA): Both OPEC and non-OPEC producers want to avoid the severe fluctuations that have characterised the oil market in recent times, says an editorial in the March issue of the OPEC Bulletin.

"The picture is changing fast but, by and large, it is a picture of an approaching calm, rather than an approaching storm. How much better for the economic well-being of the world than an era of confrontation."

The editorial notes that while OPEC and non-OPEC are unlikely to meet formally until May, it should not be taken to mean that co-operation is no longer of significance for the oil industry.

Referring to the continuing recovery in the price of oil, the editorial attributes it to the measures taken by OPEC and non-OPEC producers and the distinct change in their attitude towards future co-operation, something that has been "correctly sensed" by the market.

OPEC asserts the "Bulletin" has "laid its cards on the table for all to see", having initiated co-operative measures by reining in a large proportion of its capacity to remain within a self-imposed quota of 18.50 million BPD.

The editorial points out that the quota system within the OPEC family is working satisfactorily, though, at times, the media have difficulty grasping the concept.

A quota, explains the publication, is to be defined as production, plus or minus stock movements, which can be computed by adding up domestic consumption plus any exports, plus stock withdrawals.

The editorial notes with satisfaction that the last non-OPEC meeting in London was a further sign that "co-operation is being extended, adding "even those countries which for pressing economic problems are unable to implement immediate measures, agree on the principle that this is the best way to support market stability."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1594 — Jean Chastel, pupil of the Jesuits, attempts to assassinate France's King Henry IV.

1664 — Peace treaty of Westminster ends first Anglo-Dutch war.

1794 — French revolutionaries G. J. Danton and Camille Desmoulins are executed.

1826 — Russian ultimatum to Turkey over Serbia and Danubian provinces.

1881 — Britain concludes treaty of Pretoria with Boers, recognizing independence of South African republic of Transvaal.

1886 — Abdul Hamid II, Sultan of Turkey, appoints Alexander of Bulgaria as governor of eastern Rumelia.

1939 — All German children between ages of 10 and 13 are ordered to serve in Hitler Youth Organization.

1946 — Soviet Union agrees to withdraw troops from Iran on promise of reforms in Azerbaijan.

1951 — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of New York City are sentenced to death as atomic spies for Soviet Union.

1958 — Fidel Castro begins "total war" against Batista government in Cuba.

1969 — Four-man British expedition reaches North Pole after 14-month, 1,300-mile (2,100 km) trek by dogsled.

1971 — Pakistan airlifts foreigners from East Pakistan as fighting rages during a revolt.

1986 — Bomb, blamed on terrorists, kills two and injures 155 as it rips through crowded West Berlin discotheque popular with US soldiers.

1988 — Arabic-speaking hijackers commandeered Kuwait Airways Corporation plane with 112 people aboard and force it to land in Iran.

Feeling guilty over harsh methods used

'After all, an Arab is a human being'

Difficult task

By William B. Riles

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (UPI): For months, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's aides compared the Israeli leader's developing ideas on the peace process to "a good, old wine in a new bottle" — that is, the 1978 Camp David accords adapted to the present situation. This week in Washington, Shamir finally will have to uncork his new bottle and present the vintage to the Bush administration, which has said it wants to see realistic proposals that will breathe new life into the moribund Middle East peace process.

It is not likely that Shamir will be able to convince Washington he is serious about advancing the peace process if he will not budge on key issues, such as accepting the PLO as a negotiating partner.

Perhaps Shamir's most difficult task will be dispelling his image of inflexibility.

While the United States has begun talks with the PLO and many Western nations have upgraded their contacts with the group, Shamir has ruled out any form of dialogue with the PLO. He also has rejected trading territory for peace and an international peace conference, all ideas supported by Washington.

The package that Shamir will take to Washington is essentially made up of the Camp David accords. They seek a five-year period of autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, with talks to begin in the third year on a final arrangement.

The new ingredient is a proposal to hold elections first to choose representatives for autonomy talks. In this way, Shamir would avoid contacts with the PLO.

Israeli officials privately acknowledge that there is little chance the PLO will agree to elections, and it is unlikely that Palestinians in the territories will go to the polls with the PLO's approval. The PLO already has rejected elections without an Israeli troop withdrawal and has questioned their purpose.

The PLO says it is the leadership of the Palestinians that must negotiate any peace settlement.

If the Americans accept the idea of elections as a step forward and the PLO rejects them, Israel would be the winner and Shamir's trip a success, according to an optimistic scenario envisioned by one Israeli official.

"For a change, we have an idea Israel is supporting and the PLO rejecting," he said.

Shamir and his advisers, including Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, see themselves on the defensive in a propaganda war with the PLO. They believe the PLO has scored points with the Palestinian uprising and statements of moderation.

But if Bush and Baker see nothing of substance in the election proposal, Shamir's visit could become a disaster for the right-wing prime minister.

"If the Americans will try to channel the decisions of Shamir into other directions, the visit will fail," said one source with close ties to the government.

Indeed, many of Shamir's proposals appear to be non-starters intended to draw a rejection from the Palestinian leadership.

For example, the Bush administration has urged Israel to lessen tension in the occupied territories by reducing the number of troops and easing other security measures. Shamir is willing to take these steps only if the level of violence drops.

stone-throwing protesters.

But some soldiers said they rarely felt danger under barrages of stones, and added that anger or a hurt sense of national pride could spur violent reactions to stone-throwers.

They also say that orders on when to open fire or beat protesters are too vague, leaving too much to the discretion of individual soldiers in the heat of a clash.

Controversy over these orders has emerged in the still-unfinished trial of four troops charged with fatally beating a 42-year-old Palestinian man in the Gaza Strip last August while conducting an arrest.

Israeli Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron acknowledged at the trial that

standing orders left "many gray areas."

"There can be some incident where commands are not clear, even with the best of soldiers," Shomron testified. A civilian who resists arrest can be beaten, he said, "but when someone stops resisting, that is a matter of opinion."

Some 50 troops have been formally charged by a military court with illegal beatings and shootings during the uprising. The Army acknowledges others have been punished by officers in individual units.

On the other hand, about 60 soldiers have been tried for refusing duty in the occupied territories. The small number results from Israel's pride in their citizen Army, in which all Jewish men and women do compulsory duty. Men serve in the reserves until age 55.



A Palestinian woman being beaten and pulled by Israeli soldiers in West Bank.

against Arab protesters and perhaps should try even stronger measures.

"I've gotten to the point where I'm sick of it all. We have to make a decision. Either get an order to open up machine-gun fire on them or to the contrary. But just get this over with," he said.

He described losing his temper after he gave some youngsters candy, then spotted them gathering stones to throw at his patrol.

"I wanted to slam somebody I was so angry. It makes you feel like doing things you don't want to do. They get you into such a mood that even if you want to remain human, they don't let you," he said.

Ehrlich said he searched a week for one

of the boys, who looked about 10 or 11 years old. He finally found the youth at home and smacked him in the head.

"Even if you love children, at that same moment you're going to hit him. It's just because you're there," he said.

Shamir, facing anger and frustration on a visit to troops in the West Bank, tried to encourage them by blaming the PLO and saying Israel's security was at stake.

"They force us to bear arms," he said. Army officials have repeatedly said troops open fire only when their lives are in danger from barrages of stones.

Among the six troops killed in the uprising, one has died in a stoning incident. More than 400 Palestinians have died in the revolt, most from Army gunfire at

A waiting game for rebel commander plotting fall of Kabul

By Grant McCool

PESHAWAR, (Reuters): In a quiet suburban house, Afghan guerrilla commander Abdul Haq plots the fall of Kabul.

He uses computers to store plans for military operations, strikes and civil disobedience in the Afghan capital and has detailed maps hidden behind sliding screens.

It's a waiting game for Haq, one of the most effective rebel commanders to have emerged from the 10-year Afghan war.

"The difference between us and other 'mujahedeen' is that we work inside the city with the people, the Afghan Army, police forces and different regime forces within the city," he said in an interview at his guarded home in the north-western Pakistani city of Peshawar.

Fighting against Afghan communists has aged him far beyond his 30 years. His thinning hair, lined face and plastic artificial foot are among the physical scars of more than a decade of war.

"I have a belief that we've got to stop one day... it is sometimes too much," said Haq, commander for the Kabul area of the Hezb-i-Islami (Khalis) party, one of seven Pakistan-based Muslim guerrilla groups fighting the Soviet-backed government.

Controversial for his criticism of the politicians in the seven-party

alliance who formed an interim government in exile in February, Haq is frank about the failings of rebel strategy in the siege of the south-western city of Jalalabad.

"There was no contact between them and the people in the city, it turned to conventional war. But the main problem is that the mujahedeen were too strong in that area, and they became too proud of themselves and did not use their brains," he said.

"I know the regime is not strong there. I know the people do not want to fight for the regime or die for them, but the mujahedeen made them fight for survival."

The stubborn defence of garrisons around the city, attacked in early March, has surprised the mujahedeen and their Western supporters who predicted a quick victory.

The rebels, heartened by the relatively easy capture of the important government post at nearby Samarkhel, pressed on to the airport but were stalled by Air Force bombing and the presence of dense minefields.

"Let me show you something," says Haq, getting up and walking across to his desk in his thickly-carpeted study. It is a copy of a magazine interview published in May last year in which he warned against such an assault on Jalalabad, saying the loss of possibly

thousands of lives would not be worth it.

"So now if they carry on it will be bad and if they pull back that will also be bad," Haq said.

Wounded 15 times, his foot smashed by a landmine at Paghman west of the capital 18 months ago, Haq has seen enough killing to make him prudent when it comes to committing his men to the task of overthrowing the capital without a massive artillery assault that would risk killing civilians and losing sympathy.

"We have to find a way to minimise the bloodshed... it is a question of tactics and strategy which can take care of the regime in such a way you don't lose many people."

Haq said there was a network of 150 to 200 groups under his command, some of them working within the government, among the city's 2.5 million people.

"Our plan is to wear the regime down with strikes or civil disobedience. Where the people cannot put the pressure on from the inside, the soldiers will apply pressure from the outside," said Haq, a short, rotund man.

Haq said he had taken part in three coup attempts by the age of 18, the last of which brought him arrest and a death sentence. "The regime changed and my family bribed them to get me out."

Thatcher strategy in southern Africa threatened

By Peter Gregson

LONDON, (Reuters): The fighting in Namibia, which imperils its new-born independence process, also threatens to leave Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's regional strategy in tatters.

In a high-risk gamble, the British leader flew to the Namibian capital of Windhoek on Saturday for what was planned as a triumphal finale to a week-long southern African peace drive.

All week Thatcher had trumpeted the Namibian agreement, which linked a handover from South African rule and a pullout of Cuban troops from neighbouring Angola, as the dawn of a new era of peace and stability for the region.

It was "the gateway to peace, freedom and justice," she told British troops who had begun work that morning as part of the 4,650-strong multi-national UN supervisory force.

In a statement, she called it "potentially, the most positive development in Southern Africa in many years."

Her surprise visit, on the day the United Nations began to assume shared responsibility for the territory, was intended as a bold move of personal support and a signal to South Africa not to interfere as the people of Namibia move towards choosing their own government.

After learning of the first clash on Saturday, a grim-faced Thatcher called a news conference to warn Pretoria it was in its

own best interests to ensure the agreement worked.

"Its implementation will have an enormous influence on the whole future of affairs in South Africa. Anything which flouted it would be disastrous," she declared.

The Namibian nationalist group SWAPO has denied Pretoria's allegations it started the fighting and accused the South African Army of hunting down guerrillas before pulling out of the territory under the UN peace plan.

Thatcher has a long-range plan for southern Africa based on all sides abstaining from force and negotiating peace.

She believes success in Namibia will persuade South Africa to carry out radical reform itself, a development she would

endorse with a visit her planners had been privately projecting for the second half of next year.

Of the five leaders she met during her African tour, only Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe expressed doubts Pretoria will change as quickly as she appeared to believe.

At a Harare banquet, Mugabe also questioned whether Pretoria would allow the Namibian elections set for November to go ahead.

Thatcher's advisers concede the Namibian bloodshed has been a setback to her role as an honest broker. Because of her refusal to back punitive economic sanctions against South Africa, she carries more clout with Pretoria than perhaps any other world leader.



Thatcher: gamble

Labour unrest grows in Morocco as memories of Saharan war fade

By Jonathan Clayton

RABAT, (Reuters): The political opposition in Morocco kept its head down in the interests of national solidarity during the years the kingdom fought Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara.

But as the 13-year conflict winds down in the former Spanish colony in the western bulge of Africa, there are signs the political climate in Morocco is heating up.

The first few months of this year have seen unrest in schools and universities, a rash of strikes and other labour disputes, and even murmurs of discontent in the normally docile Parliament.

Even the ubiquitous Moroccan taxi

disappeared from sight in the capital in mid-March when drivers went on strike to demand an increase in minimum fares.

Analysts say frustrations built up over the last decade have been exacerbated by a five-year austerity programme.

With the economy in markedly better shape than a few years ago and without the excuse of money needed for the war, they say the government could face difficulties if it does not respond to demands for better living standards.

"Many ordinary Moroccans feel they have made a lot of sacrifices for the national good and feel they now have a right to benefit. They are told nearly every day of economic successes, now they want to feel them," one diplomat

said. The Western Sahara conflict has helped forge national unity.

All 10 political parties on the left, centre and right rallied around King Hassan when in 1975 he sent 350,000 unarmed Moroccans waving flags and Holy Quran into the territory to press Moroccan claims in defiance of the Spanish Army.

Last month, the semi-official La Vie Economique weekly reported Morocco's economic growth in 1988 had leapt to 10 per cent from just over one per cent in 1987 after an exceptionally good harvest.

After a large increase in exports in 1987 which resulted in the first surplus on current account in 13 years, the new

figures mean the country is generating foreign exchange earnings and making holes in its \$20-billion debt.

Opposition leaders make no secret of the fact they believe they are playing in a new game compared to when the Western Sahara conflict was costing an estimated \$1 million a day.

"The Sahara has been the cement that has been holding this place together since 1975. Take away the cement and the building is going to get very shaky," one Western diplomat said.

The conflict has still not been resolved, but much of its sting was removed when Morocco restored diplomatic ties with Algeria, Polisario's main supporter, in May last year.

Then in August, both sides agreed to let a United Nations referendum decide the issue. Although a ceasefire has not yet been agreed, military analysts say Morocco can withstand harassment attacks without difficulty and at little cost.

Few political analysts and diplomats believe the conflict will ever resume its previous importance and say attention is focused on how to reach a final accord acceptable to all sides.

In February, Morocco and four other North African countries — Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania — agreed to set up the Arab Maghreb Union, a regional grouping on the lines of the European Economic Community.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

GCC ministers to co-ordinate oil policy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, April 4, (Agencies): A Saudi Arabian newspaper reported today that the oil ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council will meet later this month to co-ordinate oil policy.

The newspaper Al Sharq Al Awsat, quoting unidentified sources, said the meeting was expected to be convened in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah and would deal with "a number of important topics including the outlines of the future oil strategy."

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, with Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman. The first four are prominent members of the 13-nation Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries, and oil is a major source of revenue for all six.

The GCC oil ministers meet periodically to discuss joint policy action. They last met in December after the OPEC member states had lined up an oil production agreement for January to June 1989, slashing unbridled oil output for the 13 member states to a ceiling of 18.5 million barrels per day.

The enforcement of the agreement, coupled with the high winter seasonal demand, helped arrest a two-year downslide in prices and brought them closer to the OPEC targeted \$18 per barrel tag.

OPEC wants to sustain that upward trend while it is expected to accommodate members calling for a higher production

ceiling. Both Kuwait and the UAE are known to want higher production quotas.

The agenda of the GCC ministers was also to include development of joint oil projects, among which the paper mentioned a trans-GCC oil pipeline ending off Oman on the Arabian Sea and a collective gas network, marketing of gas and refined oil products and training of a national labour force.

Meanwhile, the Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said today that a "distinct slowdown" in energy conservation and oil substitution is now taking place in industrialised countries.

The New York-based newsletter added: "And these new trends ultimately point to faster future oil demand growth and

greater reliance on OPEC."

The shift from conservation and substitution would become more pronounced if oil prices remain at their current low levels in real terms, PIW predicted.

The newsletter pointed out that after adjusting for inflation oil was now cheaper than at any point since the early 1970s.

It went on: "While energy efficiency gains are slowing generally, basic economy forces are creating even more striking changes in oil consumption trends. The sustained economic expansion of the 1980s has pushed the utilisation of manufacturing capacity to unusually high rates, bringing the oldest, least efficient units on line. These are often oil-powered."

Gold moves up

Dollar sinks

LONDON, April 4, (Reuters): The dollar closed lower in Europe today as investors took profits to try and cut their losses after steep falls in Asia overnight, dealers said.

The fall of more than one penny in a senior yen accelerated as officials from the Group of Seven top industrial nations continued to speak out against a higher dollar.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said G-7 officials who met in Washington last weekend felt a further rise in the US currency would hinder the correction of global trade imbalance and trigger competitive interest rate increases.

"What it means is that it would be better for the dollar not to go up," Bérégovoy said at a news conference in Washington.

"That gave us an excuse to sell dollars," said one currency trader in Frankfurt.

A senior Japanese official also in Washington had earlier said the dollar should stabilise at around current levels.

Dealers said the dollar appeared to have peaked for now.

"The point is that the G-7 have

made clear that 1.90 marks is the top," said one Frankfurt trader.

Dealers said the trend was likely to remain negative for the currency, at least until the US jobs report for March is released on Friday.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8693 West German marks and 130.90 Japanese yen after ending Monday at 1.8810 and 132.00.

Shares on the London Stock Exchange were knocked off the day's highs after an easier opening on Wall Street. The FTSE index of 100 leading shares closed 3.2 points lower at 2,082.8.

West German shares ended mostly easier after profit-taking in Frankfurt while French shares were higher in Paris.

Wall Street stood little changed by midday in New York with the Dow Jones industrial average off 0.36 at 2,304.44 points.

Gold closed at \$386.55 dollars an ounce in quiet London trade, against \$384.75 on Monday.

Oil prices weakened in quiet business. North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was quoted around \$18.80 a barrel for May loading against 19.60 on Monday.

Mubarak defends pace of economic reforms

WASHINGTON, April 4, (AP): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak defended the scope and pace of his nation's economic reforms today and told members of Congress that Egypt needs continued high levels of US economic assistance.

Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell described the 90-minute private meeting between Mubarak and 15 Senators as "very beneficial and fruitful" but said commitments on the aid issue were neither sought nor given.

Deficit

Both Mitchell and Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said Senators told the Egyptian president that the United States must keep the large US budget deficit in mind in dealing with all requests for economic and military assistance.

Mitchell said Senators appeared favourably impressed with Mubarak's description of Egypt's economic reform programme including the reduction of subsidies on a number of consumer products and revisions in the country's tax structure.

Energy File

Algerian nuclear reactor opened

ALGIERS, April 4, (Reuters): President Chadli Benjedid inaugurated Algeria's first nuclear reactor on Monday, the official APS news agency announced.

It said the reactor called Nur (light), built with the help of Argentina, would be used only for technical and scientific training and other peaceful purposes in the area of nuclear physics.

The APS report gave no further details.

Interest

The Arab world has shown little interest in nuclear energy as the majority of countries have sufficient oil and gas.

The Israeli Air Force destroyed Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor in 1981, saying it planned to develop nuclear weapons.

Egypt has shown interest in building a nuclear power plant on its Mediterranean coast but plans have been postponed several times.

Israel has a nuclear facility but has never confirmed Western newspaper reports that it has an arsenal of nuclear weapons.

Oil boom

LONDON, April 4, (AP): Britain will experience a second oil boom in the next decade and will remain a self-sufficient oil nation into the 21st century, stockbrokers County NatWest Wood-Mac predicted on Monday.

The firm said Britain's North Sea oil production should rise sharply again by the mid-1990s, driven by 42 potential developments and investment of £14 billion (nearly \$24 billion).

Petrol prices

PARIS, April 4, (OPECNA): With the improvement of oil prices in the world market, petrol prices increased here seven centimes in a week to reach an average price of \$0.80 per litre, according to figures by the Ministry of Industry.

The ministry said that petrol prices increased by a total of 25 centimes over the first quarter of the year, which it attributed to the oil spill in Valdez, Alaska.

Cheysson praises ACC

Further growth of Arab world 'vital'

CAIRO, April 4, (KUNA): EEC Commissioner for the Mediterranean Claude Cheysson today affirmed here that the further growth of the Arab world is of great importance to the European Economic Community, stressing that the future of the European economies is on the line, awaiting a quick and capable Arab development to materialise.

While praising the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Union, Cheysson said that there is no limits for what Arabs can achieve if they only stick together.

Ambitions

At a symposium, held here today under the theme "Arabs and Europe in 1992", the ranking EEC official hailed the talks between the European group and other regional congregations, particularly with the Gulf Co-operation Council, cautioning against setting up new obstacles between the EEC and Third World nations.

In conclusion, he highlighted the organisation's ambitions for 1992, the year for a unified European market, and the potentials for establishing co-operation with war-stricken neighbours.

Taking the podium next was assistant to the Egyptian Foreign Minister Aziz Al Nasran who affirmed the Euro-Arab ties go a long time back in history, recalling the relations between Athens with Alexandria and Jerusalem with Rome.

Interest

Al Nasran, who was speaking on behalf of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, said that the Euro-Arab dialogue may have stumbled over the years, but did not cease to exist, affirming that an effective co-operation between the two communities is more pressing than ever.

He indicated "the Arab and European communities have a sure interest in upholding the dialogue on the various levels, particularly on security and co-

operation with all countries overlooking the Mediterranean."

He said that "we are dead sure that the European Economic Community has a sure interest that just and lasting peace reigns over the Middle East, starting with the Palestinian question and establishing Iraqi-Iranian peace and ending with putting an end to the Lebanese crisis."

The Egyptian ranking official added that the recent drive of the Troika committee, grouping France, Greece and Spain, is a further proof that the EEC is pushing forward the peace efforts in the region.

He stressed that it is better for the European organisation to deal with a "developed and unified Arab unity, pointing out that Europe is the Arabs' first trade partner and vice versa."

Head of the EEC's Middle and Far East department Eberhardt Rein and head of the Arab Studies Centre in London Abdel Majeed Fareed were also among the speakers at the gathering.

ACC, AMU to strengthen inter-Arab co-operation

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) has warned that the creation of Arab economic and political groupings, though ostensibly beneficial, could pose "dangers" that must not be overlooked.

The bright side of the issue is that such groupings can effectively eliminate obstacles that have hindered inter-Arab trade exchange, OAPEC said in its monthly publication.

The monthly was referring the back-to-back birth last February of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) and the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU).

The first body brings together Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and the Yemen Arab Republic, while the AMU comprises Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya and Mauritania.

Opportunities

"The increased opportunities for pan-Arab rapprochement provided by the new groups will create a favourable climate for joint ventures to pursue Arab economic integration," OAPEC said.

If well-employed, those groups will eliminate financing problems that have long plagued joint Arab ventures and provide expanded markets for their products, it added.

"However, the dangers of the new Arab groupings should not be overlooked," according to the publication which added that "instead of lowering barriers and encouraging the exchange of production factors and goods among a group's members, the new groupings could be used as a pretext for raising barriers against other Arab states."

Relations

To prevent the likelihood, OAPEC recommended that the ACC, the AMU and the eight-year-old Gulf Co-operation Council work together for stable relations among them and with the rest of other Arab countries "so as to promote inter-Arab co-operation and increase the benefit derived from existing joint Arab institutions."

It concluded: "In this way the new groupings can help achieve the goal of pan-Arab integration."

Dunkel to open crucial session

US, EEC optimistic on trade talks

GENEVA, April 4, (Reuters): Leading negotiators, including those from the United States and the European Economic Community, said today they were nearing agreement on how to get stalled world trade talks moving again.

But they added at separate news briefings here that many details were still unresolved.

Director-General Arthur Dunkel of the GATT trade body said he would open a crucial session of the 105-nation Uruguay round of negotiations on schedule tomorrow, but he hinted that backstage bargaining could go on until the end of this week.

Intensive private discussions since Friday among key delegations on four outstanding issues had reached a point "where we all know quite well what remains to be done to reach a consensus," Dunkel told a news conference.

The issues are farm trade reform, liberalisation of trade in textiles and clothing, new trade rules to protect intellectual property rights such as patents and copyrights, and updating rules governing recourse to temporary trade restrictions to protect local industries against unexpected surges of imports.

Differences on these four topics threw into deadlock a meeting of government ministers which was convened in Montreal last December to review progress midway through the four-year Uruguay round talks.

Named after the nation where they began in 1986

under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Uruguay round is aimed at freeing the flow of world commerce and setting international trading patterns for the next century.

Dunkel said the atmosphere in the private preparatory talks was "extremely constructive," adding that negotiators had shown they were building on compromise proposals he circulated last month for resolving the four outstanding issues. "We are moving step by step... the process is moving well," he said.

"It is not my intention to rush things... my problem is not to have a text ready tomorrow... if it is the day after tomorrow it is still in line with my planning," he added.

Negotiators said they expected tomorrow's plenary session to be brief, with Dunkel reporting on progress to date and then adjourning the meeting for further private consultations.

United States and European Economic Community officials told separate news briefings they had made progress on long-term objectives for farm trade reform — an issue where their previous deep divergences were a major cause of the Montreal deadlock.

The dispute was over how far and how fast to dismantle subsidies for farm production and exports, blamed for straining budgets and creating food surpluses that depress world prices.

Gulf Bank profits soar

KUWAIT, April 4, (Reuters): Gulf Bank today joined three others in Kuwait in announcing increased 1988 profits, confirming a trend toward a second year of greater bank earnings in Kuwait.

Gulf, the country's second largest bank, said profit rose 8.4 per cent to 7.7 million dinars (\$26.6 million) from 7.1 million (24.4 million) in 1987.

Kuwait's commercial banks began showing increased profits in 1987 after a slump of several years caused by low oil revenues and bad loans.

Of the country's six banks, only Al Ahli Bank declared lower profits for 1988, while Borgan Bank has yet to report.

Record profits for UAE bank

ABU DHABI, April 4, (Reuters): The Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, one of the biggest in the United Arab Emirates, reported record profits for 1988 after overcoming severe problems.

Bank chairman Sheikh Surour Bin Sultan Al Dahiri said profits were boosted by a 31 per cent jump in customer deposits and by reduced administrative and general costs.

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New building for Commercial Bank

Picture shows from left to right: Khalid Nazzari Al Mus'ab, Hamad Al Hamad, Ms Dalal Al Ghanim and Ms Wasileh Arateh (branch manager).

HAMADA A. Al Hamad, chairman of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait patronised the inauguration of the bank's Farwaniya Co-operative branch's new building at the Co-operative Society premises on Monday.

The inauguration ceremony was held amidst cheers and jubilation in which Khalid Nazzari Al Mus'ab, member of the General Authority for Agriculture and Marine Wealth cut a ribbon and opened the new building.

Among the attendants were the bank's esteemed customers and well-wishers, top officials from Farwaniya Governorate, bank's executive and senior management including Richard K.O. Carey, general manager, Mahmoud I. Barhoum, AGM, Retail Banking Division, Ms Dalal Al Ghanim, AGM, Marketing Division, Hamad Al Sager, AGM, Personnel Division, Adnan R. Al Mulla, senior manager, Construction and Property Management, regional

managers and branch managers of the bank's Farwaniya region.

Besides Col Khalaf Zaid Al Adwani, Chief Security Officer, Farwaniya region, prominent businessmen such as Mr/Abbas Al Nomas, Fahad Al Namran, Abdulla Muthaq Al Rashidi, Saad Hayif also attended the ceremony.

Hamad A.A. Al Hamad expressed his appreciation of the arrangements made in the new building.

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YPLONA	236/0	236/0	MEMEC	244/0	243/0	TVS TYSTER	325/0	323/0
YSSON PK	99/4	100/0	MENZIES	331/0	330/0	U-BORLAND	83/0	8/0
YMPAS GR	359/0	357/0	MERCH. TST	176/4	176/4	U-BRO ST	39/4	4/0
YNDGNGH	75/0	75/0	MERLIN IN	142/0	143/0	U-BROADWL	203/0	204/0
YNY GRP	268/0	268/0	METAL CLS	204/0	205/0	U-CITYTWS	143/0	141/0
YUTY FRP	381/0	381/0	METALRAX	96/0	95/0	U-DEANBO	177/0	171/0
YAYTON C	527/0	528/0	MEYER INT	444/0	445/0	U-DELEY V	120/0	121/0
YK	468/0	468/0	MIDSUMMER	231/0	231/0	U-DURHAM	57/0	5/0
YKEMISTR	77/0	77/0	ML HLDGSS	129/0	130/0	U-EXPLAUR	42/0	4/0
YNDCEE LD	324/0	326/0	MNT CHLT	178/0	177/0	U-FERRARI	12/0	1/0

NEW YORK				GEN DYNMCS		54/0	54/2	MOTORC
50/0				GEN ELECT	43/0	45/1		NRSH-H
34/0				GEN HOST	9/0	8/7		MURPHY
13/0				GEN INSUR	11/1	11/2		NAT IN
52/0				GEN INST	29/2	29/0		NBI CO
2/0				GEN MILLS	59/0	59/2		NCR CO
75/0				GEN MOTORS	41/2	41/3		NEW EN
34/0				GEN SIGNAL	49/1	49/2		NEW PL
53/0				GENICORP	17/7	17/7		NEVELL
21/0				GENITECH	16/7	17/1		NEWMON
43/0				GENUINE PA	36/7	36/7		NEWONT
34/0				GEO PWT-80	0	75/0		NI MOH
26/0				GEORGI-PAC	42/3	42/4		NI MOH
36/0				GIBR E I CL	10	10		NICOLE
20/0				GOLDEN HUG	18/2	18/1		NICOR
70/0				GOODRICH	52/2	52/1		NL IND
10/0				GOODYEAR	48/2	48/3		NOBLE
70/0				GRACE WR	32/4	32/7		NORD R
45/0				GRALINGER	53/4	53/4		NORTHTR
35/0				GREYHOUND	30/5	30/3		NORTON
12/0				GRUMMAN	21/5	21/7		NOVO I
71/0				GULF RES-C	11/0	10/7		NUCOR
3/0				GULF-WESTN	48/6	49/2		OAK INC
23/0				HALLIBURTH	30/4	30/5		OCC PCE
2/0				HALLWOOD	14/5	14/5		OCEAN
42/0				HANNA MIN	24/2	24/2		OGDEN
0/0				HARRIS CP	28/2	28/4		ON ED
1/0				HARTWARK	27/6	27/4		ONTO K
35/0				HEINZ NJ	49/7	50/0		OLIN CO
18/0				HIL CURTIS	49/6	49/4		ONOMICAC
3/0				HELM-PAYNE	25/4	25/5		ORION
13/0				HERCULES	47/2	47/4		PAW AM
1/0				HEILBACH	29/3	29/1		PAINHE
11/4				HEXCEL CP	29/3	29/1		PANHAW
3/0				HILLENBRND	27/7	27/7		PARKER
15/0				HILTN NTLs	56/6	57/2		PARKER
2/0				HITACHI	117/4	117/0		PATRICK
44/0				HMTSE MIN	13/6	13/7		PULMAN
3/0				HNDY-HARMN	19/4	19/6		PC INDIA
4/0				HOLIDAY C	30/3	30/1		PEGASUS
8/0				HOMEDPOT	37/0	37/0		PENN CI
5/0				HOMEPED CP	32/0	31/7		PERNUNAL
35/0				HONDA MOTR	30/0	29/7		PENNZOT
0/0				HOONEYM	67/6	67/6		PEOPLES
2/0				HOUGHTON M	0	45/0		PEPSICO
34/0				HOUSTON IN	27/6	27/6		PFIZER
3/0				HUGHES SUP	18/2	18/2		PHNELPS
49/0				HUMANA INC	29/4	29/5		PHILIP
75/0				IBM	108/0	108/4		PHILIPS
6/0				ION PHARMA	6/2	6/3		PHILMCC
16/0				ILL PAET CO	14/7	14/7		PATN BO
4/0				ILLIN 4-08	18/4	18/6		PITTSBOG
34/0				INDIA GROW	-9/6	9/6		POLAROI
13/0				INGRSLL-RA	37/4	37/5		PORTLINE
5/0				JEFF PILOT	34/4	34/6		PPG

ALA	42/2	42/2	SEAQUAL INC	17/5	17/5
ALC	62/5	63/0	SEALED AIR	44/2	44/2
OIL	35/4	33/2	SEARS ROE	43/7	43/7
TERG	17/5	17/5	SERV CORP	18/0	18/0
RRP	1/4	1/3	SA STH PAC	22/0	22/0
GL	55/7	55/7	SHERN HUTT	19/5	19/5
RE	22/6	22/6	SHELL TRAN	40/2	40/2
A CO	15/6	15/6	SHER PLOU	63/7	63/7
CO	34/0	34/1	SHRINT INT	10/2	10/2
TL	38/5	38/6	SHWINT BEC	66/2	66/2
MD	33/7	33/6	SHAW ON TL	37/1	37/1
6-10	0	5/2	SOURCE CAR	37/6	37/5
7-72	0	73/0	SOUTHERN	23/2	23/3
T IN	10/2	10/6	SPAIN FUND	11/2	11/1
INC	31/5	31/1	SPERRY	10/2	10/2
S	23/0	23/1	SQUARE D	53/0	53/0
ASS	11/5	11/6	SQUIBB		
ESSOU	12/5	12/6	STONE CONT	30/1	30/1
OP	27/4	27/5	SUN CO	35/5	35/6
	45/7	45/5	SUNSTRAND	56/1	56/2
IND	42/1	42/1	SUNSH MIN	3/4	3/4
CORP	47/0	47/0	SUPER VAL	24/2	24/2
	1/1	1/2	SOUTHWEST	26/2	26/5
TRCP	27/1	27/1	SN GAS	18/0	18/0
DRILL	17/0	17/1	SN BELL	44/1	44/1
CORP	27/7	27/7	TDK	62/4	62/4
CO	20/1	20/2	TECO ENERG	22/7	22/8
TATT	24/5	24/5	TELEKTRON	21/1	21/1
TRCP	52/7	52/7	TELEPHONE	356/6	357/0
PICT	8/3	8/5	TELETYPE	24/0	24/0
EMES	16/4	16/4	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
ULE	17/4	17/5	TERADYNE	11/6	11/6
	4/6	4/5	TESORO PET	12/3	12/3
DEB	20/6	20/6	TEX AHER S	*10	*09
NRI	5/6	5/7	TEX EAS TR	50/4	50/5
DAN	28/0	28/1	TEXACO	53/1	53/2
PET	5/3	5/5	TEXAS IND	32/5	32/7
CO	0	0	TEXAS INST	39/7	39/7
-96	0	87/4	TEXTRON	27/1	27/1
	11/5	11/6	THOMP MED	0	22/3
ENTR	23/6	24/0	TIDEMATER	9/6	9/5
T	130/2	130/2	TIME INCOR	115/6	116/0
TL	83/4	83/5	TIMKEN	36/3	35/6
ENL	21/0	21/0	TORCHMARK	33/0	33/0
	44/7	44/7	TOYS R US	4/4	4/5
DOD	58/0	58/1	TOYS R US	38/6	38/6
NOR	55/0	55/1	TRANSAMER	34/1	34/3
PE	22/7	22/6	TRANSCO EN	36/0	35/7
W	16/1	16/1	TRAVELLERS	39/2	39/2
OWES	43/6	44/1	TRINITY IN	33/4	33/4
	19/6	19/5	TU CORP	31/5	31/5
IO	37/5	37/5	TYCO LABS	35/2	35/2
GE	21/4	21/4	UAL CORP	116/2	116/0
ON	44/0	44/1	UTO BRAND	14/2	14/4
CORP	17/3	17/3	UTO TECH	46/2	46/6
UNINS	26/3	26/3	UNITEVER	61/6	61/6
CANB	21/2	21/2	UNION CAMP	35/6	35/6
SP-1	92/2	92/4	UNION CARB	29/3	29/3
HOME	18/3	18/4	US SHOE	18/5	18/5
L	12/4	12/5	USX CP	33/6	33/7
DAY	53/6	53/2	US WEST	62/0	62/2
COR	17/4	17/4	US AIR CP	41/5	41/7
CH	50/7	50/4	VALERO EN	14/4	14/3
IN	83/0	82/6	VALLEY IND	0	2/2
INIL	11/3	11/4	VARCO INTL	4/4	4/4
ION	5/7	6/0	VARIAN ASS	27/0	26/6

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1708.4	1706.5	1707.9	1455.3
FT 30 SHR	1186.0	1184.9	1169.5	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	787.87	766.51	1076.15	1266.59
FT GVC SEC	87.10	86.81	87.50	87.03
FT GOLD MN	190.4	190.9	190.2	161.9
FT MIMES F	61.69	650.04	653.25	565.31
FT OIL	1976.5	1983.0	1978.9	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	142.90	142.34	141.17	139.21
FT WLD STG	125.66	125.02	123.81	115.30
FT WLD LTC	130.95	130.70	129.77	123.40

Lender Stock Market Report

LONDON STOCK MARKET REPORT

U.K. STOCKS OFF HIGHS IN QUIET AFTERNOON

LONDON, APRIL 4, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE OFF THE DAY'S HIGHS IN QUIET AFTERNOON BUSINESS WITH A LOWER TREND ON WALL STREET BEGINNING ON SENTIMENT.

CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS TARGET OF AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS GROWTH OF OVER 20 PCT LIFTED THE STOCK. ANALYSTS SAY THE GOAL, ALTHOUGH AMBITIOUS, IS ACHIEVABLE.

CONS GOLD WAS 25P STRONGER AT 1348. MANY DEALERS EXPECT A HIGHER BID FROM PREDATOR MINORCO NEXT WEEK.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS RESILIENT TO NEWS OF A LARGER THAN EXPECTED 1.2 BILLION STG FALL IN U.K. OFFICIAL RESERVES.

AT 1510 THE FTSE INDEX WAS 5.1 UP AT 2,084.

DEALERS SAID THE FALL IN RESERVES WAS WORRYING IN VIEW OF WARNINGS BY U.K. CHANCELLOR NIGEL LAWSON THAT HE IS PREPARED TO RAISE INTEREST RATES IF STERLING COMES UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE.

HOWEVER, MOST MARKET PARTICIPANTS FEEL LAWSON WILL BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT RAISING INTEREST RATES IN THE IMMEDIATE TERM.

DEALERS NOTED THREE MONTH INTERBANK STG WAS 1/16 POINT EASIER AT 13-1/16 13 THIS AFTERNOON, DESPITE THIS MORNING'S DATA.

STRONG FIGURES FROM STEELTEY YESTERDAY BOOSTED THE BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR. REDLAND WAS TOP UP AT 536,

Precious Metals

LONDON, APRIL 4, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HELD AROUND ITS HIGHS DURING ROUTINE LATE TRADING, SUPPORTED BY STEADIER NEW YORK LEVELS AND A SOFTER DOLLAR, DEALERS SAID.

MARKEDLY CLOSED AT \$386.30/\$386.80 DOLRS AN OUNCE, ABOVE OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF \$385.70/\$386.20 AND \$384.50/\$385.00 DOLRS RESPECTIVELY.

TRADING WAS FEATURELESS THROUGHOUT THE PRECIOUS METALS SECTOR TODAY, WITH PRICES MOSTLY HOLDING IN NARROW, SLIGHTLY STEADIER RANGES, LACKING FRESH INCENTIVES. PALLADIUM, STRONG RECENTLY, EASED ON PROFIT-taking PROMPTED BY THE MOVE ABOVE 160

London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 4. REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES REMAINED SLIGHTLY EASIER IN QUIET LATE TRADE AS STERLING HELD EARLIER GAINS PROMPTED BY CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER NIGEL LAUSCH'S COMMENTS ON THE CURRENCY.

LAUSCH PLEDGED IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW THIS MORNING TO CONSIDER RAISING INTEREST RATES IF STERLING CAME UNDER SERIOUS PRESSURE.

MONEY RATES EASED AROUND 1/16 POINT IN PERIOD RATES AS THE POUND FIRMED IN RESPONSE TO THE REMARKS, DEALERS SAID. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE CLOSED AROUND 1/16 EASIER AT 13-1/16 13.

Foreign Exchange

	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.7020/30	1.8705/15	6.3100/30	NOON	
STG	1.7020/30	3.1850/70	10.7290/405	DMK	
DMK	1.8705/15	3.1701/92	29.58/74	FFR	
FFR	6.3043/316	10.7135/7495	336.88/337.5	OPG	
OPG	1.6378/6388	2.7843/7876	87.42/52	NOON	
NOON	2.111	3.593	112.775	DMK	
DMK	1.11164	.653442	2.08209	FFR	
FFR	1.29229	0.770275	2.44462	OPG	
OPG	130.85/95	222.77/223.08	-----	NOON	
NOON	SER RATE	03/04/1989	OTHERS	04/04/1989	

GLE ISI	15/6	15/6	MONKS IT	256/0	256/0	U-FRD SEL	108/0	108/0
IN I.T	184/0	184/4	MORGAN CR	269/0	268/0	U-H'ND PT	262/0	262/0

RODRIG HD	45/50	45/50	MORLAND	162/50	115/50	U-HUGHES HT	160/10	15/5
ECORDA	268/4	269/0	MOUNTLEIGH	78/50	71/50	U-HUGHS	45/4	4/4
STROCK	205/0	205/0	MURRAY	144/50	141/50	U-KRATK	22/4	2/4
PIRE ST	240/0	240/0	MURRY INCH	208/0	208/0	U-KONIK	57/0	5/0
PIRE ST	195/0	195/0	HARRY INTL	210/4	211/0	U-KRIST	130/13	13/13
G.SANT J	292/0	292/0	MS INTL	144/4	143/0	U-MICRONT	26/0	2/0
INTL	160/0	161/0	M.BRIT CA	415/5	415/0	U-MOLINAR	26/0	2/0
RO. HOME	244/0	242/0	M.ENG. IND	131/6	131/0	U-MONMUT	23/0	2/0
NORTHERN	317/0	317/0	NAT. TELCN	131/0	131/0	U-MURRAYDN	386/0	386/0
INTL	828/0	828/0	NEWARTHIT	963/0	950/0	U-M. SEAG&	44/0	4/0
RTNML UT	71/4	71/4	NORCROSS	320/0	320/0	U-PAVION	3/6	3/6
ODE GRP	191/0	188/0	NORFOLK C	36/6	36/4	U-RINDSMT	262/2	26/2
CO. COLO	134/0	134/0	NORFOLK	61/0	61/0	U-SAC INT	119/0	12/0
			NORWASPR	781/0	781/0			

ENTER	31/8	32/0	NSR PLC	92/0	92/0	U-STNHPE	247/0	24
C EURO	268/0	268/0	NURDZPCO	180/0	180/0	U-T.V.AM	201/0	20
DIAB	167/0	167/0	QAFAS LT	208/0	208/0			

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Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
AUSTRIA	282.7	285.5	287.0	282.3
AUSTRIA	293.6	287.9	280.9	287.9
BELGIUM	448.9	445.3	442.9	445.3
CANADA	385.3	386.8	384.8	386.8
DENMARK	603.1	602.3	601.0	602.3
FRANCE	467.4	464.4	462.8	464.4
GERMANY	209.8	206.7	205.5	206.7
HONG KONG	229.6	229.2	228.2	229.6
FINLAND	128.8	128.3	126.7	128.3
ITALY	469.1	471.2	472.9	471.2
JAPAN	1485.5	1483.6	1475.6	1483.6
NETHERLANDS	296.4	296.8	295.2	296.8

NORWAY	762.9	751.0	740.3	751.0	392.4
SPORE	692.4	694.7	694.1	694.7	473.1

SPAIN	248.9	245.1	243.6	245.1	209.5
SWEDEN	1256.4	1247.1	1247.5	1247.1	856.8
SWITZ	188.3	186.7	186.5	186.7	140.7
U.K.	632.7	632.9	625.4	632.9	515.7
U.S.A.	272.1	270.9	268.9	270.9	229.4
WORLD	505.8	503.4	500.8	503.4	408.0
E.A.F.E.	964.1	959.2	955.3	959.2	757.5

8/D	CA FREIGHT	22/2	22/2	LEA RONAL	11/5	11/5	RAYMARK
2/D	CAS NAT GS	14/3	14/3	LEHMAN	11/6	11/7	RAYTHEO
				LEHMAN	22/4	22/2	

9/0	C&T COOKER	26/5	26/4	LINCOLN	49/6	50/1	REYNOLDS
9/0	CATERPI TR	58/0	58/1	LITTON IND	76/0	76/0	RJR HAWK
2/0	CB1 IND	26/5	26/5	LOCKHEED	68/7	69/6	ROCHES
7/0	CBS	173/7	175/4	LOCTITE CP	37/0	34/6	ROCKWELL
1/0	CENTEL CP	66/5	66/5	LOEWS CORP	89/7	90/0	ROHM HA
1/0	CHAMP INTL	30/7	30/5	LOUN-KETTLE	0	30/5	ROHR IN
3/0	CHAMP STA	20/6	20/6	LONE STAR	30/0	30/0	ROLLING
3/0	CHARTER CO	4/7	4/7	LOWES	23/0	23/0	ROKER
3/0	CHASE MAN	38/0	38/3	LTD INC	28/4	28/2	ROMAN C
3/0	CREMED CP	33/3	33/6	LTV CORP	2/2	2/2	ROTL D
3/4	CHEMIC BNK	35/6	36/0	LTV 1-25	0	2/6	RYDS BE
1/0	CHEVRO	52/5	52/5	LTV 3-068	3/7	3/7	RYDER S
1/0	CHRYSLER	25/1	25/1				

7/0	CHOR FR CH	6/1	6/1	LUBRIZOL	36/1	36/6	S DIEG
1/0	CIGNA CORP	54/0	54/2	LUBYS CFS	26/2	26/3	SALOMON

00/00	CIN MILIT	22/4	22/5	MALAYSIA F	7/3	7/5	SARA LEE
00/00	CIR CILAC	42/4	42/5	NGMT ASS	*10	*09	SC ATLAS
00/00	CIRCLE K	15/3	15/0	N MARIETTA	45/1	45/2	SCOTT P
00/00	CITICORP	29/7	29/7	NA COM INC	7/6	7/6	SCOTTYS
00/00	CLARK EQUI	33/6	33/7	MANOR CARE	14/2	14/3	SE BANK
00/00	CLOROX	31/6	31/6	MANU HANOV	36/3	36/2	SEAGRAM
00/00	CPMBLL RES	.14	.15	NAVILLIE	0	60/2	
00/00	CPMBLL SP	34/0	34/3	MARRIOTT	30/5	30/5	
00/00	CND PACIFIC	19/4	19/4	HASCO CORP	25/6	25/6	
00/00	COACHMEN	9/4	9/5	HATSU ELEC	185/6	183/2	
00/00	COAL	33/5	33/6	HATTEL INC	11/7	12/0	
00/00	COCA-COLA	51/1	51/7	HCA INCORP	56/5	56/5	
00/00	COCA	.07	.17	MCDONALDS	52/2	52/2	
00/00	COLEMAN CO	73/2	73/2	MCDONWELL	91/7	91/5	
00/00	COLD-PALM	47/5	47/7	MCGRAW-HIL	69/0	69/1	
00/00	COLLIS GA	34/3	34/3	MEAD	36/4	36/6	
00/00	COLUMBUS-C	0	109/4	HERCK - CO	65/1	65/1	
00/00	COM EDISON	32/7	32/7	MEREDITH	31/0	30/7	
00/00	CONAGRA	32/0	32/2	MERRILL LY	27/6	28/0	
00/00	COM EDISON	45/7	45/7	MOSE OFFSH	1/5	1/5	
00/00	CONTINENTAL	33/0	32/7	HEBIL OIL	48/4	48/3	
00/00	CONTL ILLN	*02	*02	HOWARD	94/4	94/6	
00/00	CONTEL CP	51/2	51/3	HONTANA PA	34/4	33/3	
00/00	CONTR DATA	20/7	21/2	NORGAN JP	39/4	39/5	
00/00	COOPER T-R	25/3	25/3	HORT THIO	44/1	44/2	
00/00	COOPER COM	4/4	4/4				
00/00	CORNING GL	33/5	33/7				

7/0	CULLINET	4/7	5/0	Wall Street St
7/0	DANA CORP	38/7	38/6	

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DREYFUS	28/0	27/7	NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE
DUKE POWER	44/4	44/5	DONTAR INC 15 1/8 + 2 1/8

DUN BRAD	51/8	51/7	GEN DEVEL	15 3/4	+ 1 3/8
DUPONT	102/4	102/7	ELMER INDS	25	+ 2 1/8
DUESNE	17/7	17/7	IMPERIAL	5 1/4	- 3/8
DYNAMICS	23/6	23/7	MERCURY SZ	4 7/8	- 5/8
E SYSTEMS	28/0	28/1	MYSE VOLUME		75,064,210
EAGLE PICH	14/3	14/4	STOCKS UP		600
EASTERN G	25/7	25/7	STOCKS DOWN		86
EMERSON	30/6	30/6	3-APR - NASDAQ VOLUME		122,531,0
EMERSON RA	4/3	4/3	STOCKS UP 1037		DOWN 949
ETHYL CP	25/0	25/0			
EXXON	43/0	43/2			

FED NAT MO	65/3	65/1	
FIELDCREST	26/4	26/3	

FLEETWOOD	29/1	29/2	NEW YORK, April 4, (Reuter): Wall Street with blue chips moving narrowly in followed a slide in the dollar in the issues and Lockheed discouraged The Dow 30 was near Monday's gainers in slow trading.
FLEMING CO	33/6	33/7	
FMC CORP	34/1	34/3	
FORD MOTOR	49/3	49/3	
FOSTER WHL	16/6	16/5	
FRCHLD LND	14/0	14/0	
FREE MC OC	4/7	5/0	
FRZ. PAN.	20/1	20/1	

FST CHICAGO	38/2	38/2
FST INTERS	47/5	47/7

FST MISSIP	18/1	17/7
GANNET CO	38/4	38/6
GAP STORES	39/6	39/6
GALVESTON	3/1	3/2
GATX CORP	57/4	57/1
GCA CO	0	5/2

K	1/6	1/7	WAINOC OIL	7/0	6/7
ON	69/0	69/0	WAL MART	32/6	32/6

ME	53/1	53/2	WALGREEN	36/0	36/2
WISBC	87/0	87/1	WARNER COM	47/6	47/5
G-LE	17/2	17/1	WARNER LAN	87/0	87/4
LL	22/0	22/0	WASTE MAN	44/7	44/7
NADS	32/4	32/4	WASH GAS L	24/6	24/7
INDS	35/4	35/4	WEND INTL	6/1	6/1
PER	16/6	16/6	WENTZ	18/2	16/6
WEN	17/1	17/1	WESTINGHOUSE	54/5	54/5
CRP	40/3	40/2	WICKES COM	7/0	7/0
COMP	6/7	7/0	WILLIAMS C	30/0	30/2
TUMCH	65/2	65/3	WILLIAMS E	7/7	7/7
WYRST	16/3	16/2	WINNEBAGO	9/1	9/0
SYNIE	25/3	25/4	WOLVER WA	13/3	13/4

G-E	37/6	37/7	WORLD CORP	0	6/6
	25/2	25/2	WRIGLEY	38/2	38/3

NTA	50/0	50/0	WYLE LABS	8/0	8/0
INTA	14/2	14/2	XEROX CORP	60/1	60/2
PR	40/0	40/1	ZAPATA	2/7	2/7
	12/0	12/0	ZAYRE CORP	25/3	25/4
CO	25/6	25/6	ZENITH EL	18/3	18/3
CO	69/3	69/5	ZERO	18/2	18/3

Dow Jones Plus Indices				
	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
INDS	2,304.44	- 0.36	2,305.90	2,296.74
LS	1,059.83	- 1.94	1,061.93	1,056.76
INDS	184.63	+ 0.24	184.74	184.15
INDS	876.22	+ 0.40	876.69	874.05
COMP	166.22	- 0.21		
COMPOSITE	295.91	- 0.48		
INDS	200.85	- 0.15		
D INDEX	329.45	- 0.02		
D COMP	407.36	- 0.29		
D BANKING	457.98	- 1.04		
D FINL	490.05	+ 0.29		
D INDS	398.49	- 0.62		
100 INDEX	276.97	- 0.50		

Statistics Composite

	AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME	
8	FRUIT LOOM 9 7/8	- 1/8
	TOTAL PETE 23 3/4	+ 7/8
	D W G CORP 13	+ 3/8
4	MAGNA COPP 6 1/8	- 1/4
8	FOREST LAB 30	- 7/8
8	AMDAHL CP 16 3/8	- 3/8
32	TEXAS AIR 13 1/8	+ 1/8
	INTL TELEC 11	- 3/4
4	ENERGY SVC 3	- 1/8
8	NY TIMES & 28 1/8	+ 5/8

2 AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE
REDLAW IND 3 + 1 1/4

8	LIONEL CP	6 3/4	+	1/2
8	CAN WINE A	8 1/2	+	5/8
8	CENTER GRP	2 3/8	-	1/4
8	PRIME FIN	3	-	1/4
	AMEX VOLUME			5,594,815
	STOCKS UP			180
	STOCKS DOWN			255

Market Report

Street stocks were little changed at midday as a resistance area, analysts said. Selling also past two sessions. Weakness in computer buying generally. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 2305. Losers were edging out

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CPV	0	1150	RY TR BK	1180	1180
CIB GEIG I	3460	3460	S BNKGLS I	3340	3340
CIB GEIG P	2790	2790	S BNKGLS L	730	730
CIB GEIG P	2660	2660	S BNKGLS P	122,00	121,00
CWU	0	1300	S BHKVNR I	330	329
CRED SUI I	2940	2935	S BHKVNR N	311	30307
CRED SUI N	625	609	S BHKVNR P	294	295
EG LAUFEN	1750	1750	SANDZ I	10000	10050
ELEKTROMAT	2905	2900	SANDZ N	9000	9000
ENS CHEM I	4350	4350	SANDZ PS	1880	1885
GLOBUS I	6150	6175	SULZER N	5425	5450
GLOBUS N	0	6300	SULZER PS	545	545
GLOBUS PS	1010	1010	SULZ S	1685	1690
GLOBUS S	7550	7510	SULZ S+I P	1090	1090

Interbank Rates			
CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS	
LDN 12-3/8 1/8	12-7/8 3/4	13-1/8 13	
FFT 5.90/6.00	6.00/1.00	6.45/55	
PAR 8-3/8 1/2	8-3/8 1/2	8-5/8 3/4	
ZUR 4-7/8 5-1/8	5-1/2 5-3/4	5-5/8 5-7/8	
BRX 6.30	7-7/8 15/16	8-1/8 1/4	
ROM 12-3/8 12-7/8	11-7/8 12-3/8	12-1/4 12-3/4	
AHS 6.56/68	6.45/55	6.65/75	

Six months was unchanged at 9-1/2 nine but one-year edged up at 9-7/8, 11/16 per cent and 10-1/16, 9-15/16 per cent respectively.

Interest Rates

He added Egypt however was happy with the trade with Malaysia even though it was in Malaysia's favour because Egypt considered this country a close friend in term of religious, economic and political links.

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US confident on world's economic performance

WASHINGTON, April 4, (Reuters): The United States voiced satisfaction yesterday with the world's economic performance and the ability of major nations to curb a potentially destabilising rise of the dollar.

But European monetary sources said Washington may be less pleased with a lukewarm response to its new initiative to slash the Third World's crippling debt mountain.

European officials continued privately to express their scepticism with the feasibility of the US proposals which envisage the use of International Monetary Fund and World Bank funds to help reduce developing nation debt.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said in a speech to the IMF's policy-making interim committee in Washington, "regarding global economic activity, we find ourselves in a better situation than most of us expected a year ago."

Brady added he saw no serious acceleration of inflation in the United States or

other countries. The United States was also succeeding in bringing down its huge current account deficit.

But the IMF itself was more cautious about the problem of rising prices. The fund's semi-annual world economic outlook published yesterday said the world economy could only continue expanding if inflation were controlled and global trade imbalances reduced.

"Policymakers should be prepared to take additional steps should inflation fail to moderate as envisaged," it said.

The IMF also warned that the Washington administration's budget forecasts were optimistic. There was a risk that the US fiscal deficit might not fall much over the medium term.

In a statement released after eight hours of talks outside Washington on Sunday, the Group of Seven leading industrial nations — the US, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — made clear they were determined to bring down

the dollar by intervention on foreign exchange markets.

A senior US monetary official said, "the reaction of the markets (to the G-7 statement) has been positive."

While Brady expressed his satisfaction with the decline in the US external deficit he was more worried about European trade imbalances. "The basic trend in Europe evident last year gave us some concern," he said.

But West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg defended his country's performance, saying Bonn's trade surplus with the US shrank by one-third last year.

Stoltenberg also issued a veiled criticism of the United States when he urged countries with what he called excessively large budget deficits to cut them.

G-7 finance ministers and central bank chiefs broadly welcomed the US debt initiative during Sunday's talks, but some European nations had injected cautionary provisos which officials said watered down

the original plan.

"We are very sceptical. This raises more questions than answers," one European central banker said yesterday.

One major problem for the Europeans, and especially West Germany, is the idea that IMF and World Bank funds be used to help debtor nations pay their interest bills.

Proposal

Rather than agreeing to this proposal outright, the G-7 said simply that the ideas should be examined further.

The European central banker added, "the plan has to be studied in a lot more detail. We are not prepared to give subsidies."

The president of the World Bank, Barber Conable, as well as the G-10 group of industrial nations, also only gave guarded backing to the US debt proposals.

Drop in oil income has affected GCC economies

DOHA, April 4, (OPECNA): The drop in oil revenues over the past two years had drastically affected economic growth in the Gulf Co-operation Council countries (GCC).

However, the oil sector in these countries is still contributing to their GDP, according to a study by the Bahrain-based international bank.

The report said that oil contributed 30 per cent to the GDP of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia (28 per cent) and more than 35 per cent in other GCC member states of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

It added that economic activity in Kuwait increased in 1988 following the ceasefire in the Gulf war as Kuwaiti GDP recorded a two per cent growth as compared to five per cent a year earlier and 15.6 per cent in 1986.

Growth

The United Arab Emirates' GDP growth rate reached seven per cent in 1988 compared to nine per cent a year earlier, while Qatar's GDP recorded a two per cent growth last year against 1.7 per cent in 1987 and 18.5 per cent in 1986.

Saudi Arabia's GDP, the report noted, increased 4.3 per cent last year compared to 3.1 per cent a year earlier and 13.4 per cent in 1986.

The report said that based on projections that the Arabian light crude is to reach an average price of \$18 a barrel this year, the GDP of Saudi Arabia would record a five per cent growth rate, Kuwait (three per cent), UAE (four per cent), Oman (three per cent), Bahrain (two per cent) and Qatar (1.5 per cent).

Gulf Air to borrow \$208m to buy airliners

BAHRAIN, April 4, (Reuters): Gulf Air will sign a \$208 million loan with a syndicate of international banks to buy four Boeing 767-300 airliners, a senior banker said today.

Stephen Fullenkamp, general manager of Chase Manhattan in Bahrain, said the 12-year loan would be priced at 50 basis points over the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for the first eight years and 60 basis points for the remaining four.

Lead managers for the loan which will be signed on Wednesday include Chase Manhattan, the Jordan-based Arab Bank Limited and Kuwait Investment Corporation.

A Gulf Air spokesman said the four extended-range airliners would be delivered between April and June.

Plans for the carrier to begin flights to three new destinations — Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Sydney — later in 1989 were being finalised, he added.

Gulf Air is owned by the governments of Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Money to strengthen IMF resources Third World to get \$4.5b Japanese loan

WASHINGTON, April 4, (UPI): Japan will make available \$4.5 billion to facilitate developing countries' debt reduction within the framework of the US Brady plan, Japan's Central Bank Governor Satoshi Sumita said yesterday.

"I would like to announce that the Export-Import Bank of Japan will make available up to \$4.5 billion over the next few years on a case-by-case basis" for developing countries' debt reduction programmes in concert with the International Monetary Fund, Sumita said.

The governor of the Bank of Japan made his announcement at the afternoon session of the IMF's interim committee, the fund's main advisory body.

In the morning session, Japan, West Germany and Great Britain advised the United States to put its deficit ridden fiscal house in order.

"Those countries that continue to have large budget deficits do neither themselves nor anyone else any favours," said British Finance Minister Nigel Lawson, who was joined in his criticisms, among others, by Sumita and West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg.

"I can personally assure you that President Bush is committed to further deficit reductions, and is giving this issue the highest priority," Brady replied.

Sumita's endorsement of Brady's debt initiative echoed Sunday's supportive communique of the Group of Seven industrial countries — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Great Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

Brady reiterated yesterday his plan to reduce the debt of developing countries to private banks on a case-by-case basis, with the use of IMF and World Bank resources, up to \$24 billion, provided the countries undertook market oriented economic reforms.

The IMF and the World Bank would set aside funds for debt reduction operations such as repurchases of debt on secondary markets at a discount, and would also provide guarantees for interest payments in cases of debt conversion to bonds, Brady said.

Treasury sources said that debt to banks could be cut 20 to 25 per cent. The most likely candidates for such operations are Mexico and Venezuela.

Mexican Finance Minister

Pedro Aspe expressed support for Brady's initiative, but warned against long and protracted negotiations for its implementation.

Sumita did not provide details of how would the Japanese proposal be applied.

IMF sources said the fund's resources would be strengthened by the Japanese money, which allow to finance greater debt reductions operations, but indicated the IMF does not yet have full details of the plan.

Support

Sumita also expressed support for an increase in IMF's resources, and for an increase in Japan's quota and voting power.

The Japanese stance came close to that of the developing countries, which yesterday reiterated their demand for an increase in the IMF's quotas — its capital — and a new issue of Special Drawing Rights, its accounting and reserve unit, reiterated by Brazilian Finance Minister Malson da Nobrega.

"Japan believes that it is imperative that the fund has enhanced financial resources to enable it to continue to play its important role adequately," Sumita said.

Interest rates rise flayed

Protesters block traffic

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 4, (AP): Home owners and apartment owners blocked traffic in a section of the capital yesterday to protest a rise in interest rates that they say will severely affect their mortgage payments.

The thousands of protesters shouted out against a government austerity programme that included the rise in interest rates. Office workers said bus traffic forcing many to walk to work.

The protesters limited themselves to blocking traffic with a human blockade. There were no

reports of automobiles being burnt or other signs of violent protest.

Violent protests against austerity measures left at least 270 dead last month, according to government figures, although unofficial estimates place the death toll between 300 and 500.

The new interest rate policy, which allows banks to float active and passive rates according to market pressures, has triggered opposition from neighbourhood associations which are threatening to hold a payment

strike.

Critics of the policy say the rate, have risen from 13 per cent on an average mortgage to 28 per cent in recent weeks, with signs of higher rates to come. They say the increase will force thousands out of their homes.

Press reports have indicated Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez may be forced to adjust his austerity programme by creating additional subsidies for homeowners or placing a limit on how far interest rates can rise.

Pace of US economic growth slows

NEW YORK, April 4, (AP): The US economy continued to grow in March, but at a significantly slower pace than in the first two months of the year, the nation's purchasing executives said in a report released yesterday.

The report is another sign that the nation's economy is slowing down, easing fears of inflation caused by too-rapid growth. Last week, the Commerce Department reported that its index of leading economic indicators fell in February by 0.3 per cent. New home sales also fell that month by 9.4 per cent, it said.

"Virtually all indicators confirm the considerably subdued growth in the first quarter and signal even more modest growth into the second quarter," said Robert J. Bretz, chairman of the National Association of Purchasing Management.

The group's purchasing man-

agers index declined to 50.4 per cent in March, down sharply from 53.0 per cent in February. A reading above 50 indicates that the economy generally is expanding.

Although the March figure is the 32nd consecutive month the index was above 50, it was the lowest reading since July 1986, when it stood at 48 per cent, the group said.

The figure's first-quarter average of 52.2 per cent was the lowest quarterly average since the fourth quarter of 1986, when it was 51 per cent.

"Past experience indicates that, if this average were to continue for the remainder of 1989, it would be consistent with real GNP growth of about 2.5 per cent," said Bretz, director of Materials Management for Pitney Bowes Inc.

The trade association, based in

Tempe, Arizona, said its monthly membership survey found that the rate of production growth fell for the third consecutive month to its lowest level since July 1986. The new-order growth rate decreased sharply, to its lowest level in almost four years.

Employment continued to decline for the second consecutive month after eight months of growth, the trade group said.

New export orders continued to grow in March, but at a lower rate for the fourth consecutive month. Of the 69.3 per cent of members who indicated in March that they export, 22 per cent reported better export orders, the same as in February.

However, the nine per cent who reported a weakening in export orders is up considerably from the six per cent in February.

GM leads pack in Forbes sales ranking

NEW YORK, April 4, (Reuters): General Motors Corp. won the 1988 sales race but International Business Machines Corp. made the most money, Forbes magazine reported yesterday in introducing its latest list of top 500 companies.

Unlike Fortune magazine, which ranks its Fortune 500 listing by sales only, Forbes ranks the nations leading corporations in four categories: sales, profits, total assets and stock market value.

It also includes both industrial and service companies in its 500 rankings.

GM, with sales of \$121.8 billion last year, led the "Forbes Sales 500" for the fourth successive year, the magazine said. Ford Motor Co., which increased its sales by 15.7 per cent to \$92.4 billion, moved past Exxon Corp. into second place.

Profits

IBM, with \$5.49 billion in profits, retained first place on the "Forbes Profits 500". Ford again bumped Exxon, taking the number two spot with \$5.3 billion. GM was a distant fifth with \$4.6 billion.

Citicorp ended 1988 with \$207.7 billion in assets to hold first place in the "Forbes Assets 500" for the fifth year in a row. GM, which had 1988 assets of \$163.8 billion, moved up from sixth to second place.

IBM, with a total 1988 stock market value of \$71.8 billion, retained the top ranking in the "Forbes Market Value 500" for the fifth successive year. Ford increased its market value to \$24.8 billion, moving it from ninth to sixth place.

Airline equipment company indicted

NEW YORK, April 4, (AP): An airline equipment company has been indicted on charges it violated a United States anti-apartheid law by importing four jet engines that had been owned by South African Airways.

The case is the first prosecution under the comprehensive anti-apartheid act of 1986, said US Attorney Andrew Maloney when the indictment was announced yesterday.

The company, Air Ground Equipment Sales Inc. of West Babylon, New York, allegedly shipped the four used engines from South Africa to Israel in July 1987, and from Israel to the United States the next month.

The engines, which are used in Boeing 747 jumbo jets, were then taken to the company's headquarters in the New York City suburb.

The indictment alleged that the company first shipped the engines to Israel to get around the anti-apartheid law.

Maloney said false documents were used to make it appear that the engines were being shipped to an Israeli company, rather than Air Ground, which buys, sells and leases aircraft equipment.

The four-count indictment names Air Ground and its executive officer, Robert G. Fessler. They were charged with violating the anti-apartheid act, conspiracy, customs fraud and filing false customs statements.

If convicted, Fessler faces up to 22 years in prison and \$800,000 in fines. The company could be fined up to \$1.75 million.

A call to Air Ground's lawyer, Steven Scaring, was not immediately returned.

Move to trim massive debt Canada to cut spending

OTTAWA, April 4, (UPI): The government said yesterday it will substantially cut spending and privatise publicly-owned companies in an effort to trim the country's massive debt.

At the same time, the government said it would strengthen environmental laws to protect Arctic regions and launch a cleanup of the great lakes and St Lawrence River.

The plans for the next four years outlined in the so-called "speech from the throne" were delivered in parliament by Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauve, the official representative in Canada of Queen Elizabeth. A 21-gun salute and military band fanfare preceded the speech.

Politicians returned to work on Monday after a three-month absence, one of the longest in recent parliamentary history.

The Conservatives, who easily won a national election on Nov 21 that was fought mainly on a free trade agreement negotiated with the United States, have 168 seats in the House of Commons, compared to 83 for the Liberals, and the Socialist new Democratic Party's 43 seats. The Reform Party, based in Alberta and which supports stricter immigration laws and an end to the government's bilingualism policy, occupies one seat.

The Conservative majority means virtually all legislation drafted by the government will

be given quick passage in the House of Commons. The Senate, dominated by Liberals appointed by previous governments, has the option to veto bills, but generally approves them.

Many of the government's economic proposals will be spelled out in detail in the budget, expected to be presented to parliament in late April.

In its agenda, the government promised to reduce the federal deficit which now stands at the equivalent of \$23.9 billion in US currency, up from \$23.3 billion a year ago.

The government also reaffirmed plans to replace the 12 per cent manufacturers' sales tax with a 9 per cent national sales tax on all goods and services, including loans and mortgages.

Among new environmental initiatives proposed by the government were plans to improve the quality of water and continued negotiations with the United States on a bilateral accord to reduce acid rain emissions. The government also plans legislation aimed at protecting Canada's far north, a reflection of its concern over a major oil spill off Alaska after the Exxon Valdez ran aground.

The government said it would seek closer trade ties with countries in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe while it continues to implement the free trade agreement with the United States.



Funds misappropriated

Masked Corsican nationalists, dressed as judges, occupy the Corsican auditors' offices and examine official budget records in Bastia on Monday. Seven weeks of general strikes and demonstrations have ensued over high costs and both the inhabitants and French government claim that funds allotted to Corsica have been misappropriated. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lower interest rates vital

WASHINGTON, April 4, (Reuters): Developing nations said yesterday that lower international interest rates were indispensable to stem the drain of resources from poor to rich nations that was aggravating the world debt crisis.

The finance ministers of the group of 24 (G-24), developing nations from Africa, Asia and Latin America, also called for rapid implementation of new debt initiatives to reduce the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt.

"Seven years after its eruption, the debt crisis continues to cast a dark shadow of uncertainties over the economies and the political future of a large number of severely indebted countries," a G-25 communiqué said.

"Ministers pointed out that the overall external debt situation is critical," limiting the

development prospects of their nations, it said.

The G-24 ministers met at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) headquarters in Washington as ministers of industrialised nations, at an estate across the Potomac river in Virginia, discussed a new US debt initiative, the recent surge in the dollar, interest rate policies and ways to contain inflation.

Gabon's Finance Minister Fabian Ovono-Ngoua, the G-24 chairman, told a news conference that the persistent rise in interest rates over the last 18 months was adding to an already unsustainable debt-service burden.

"For that reason it is indispensable for the industrial countries to apply less stringent monetary policies than they have up to now," Ovono-Ngoua said.

World Bank loan for Nigeria

WASHINGTON, April 4, (OPECNA): The World Bank is to extend a loan of \$27.6 million to Nigeria to finance a public health and family planning project in Imo state.

The project aims at renovating 200 primary health-care facilities, setting up 40 clinics in areas currently without services and upgrade about 60 dispensaries and maternity homes.

The scheme is also intended to improve the capacity of local, state and federal health-care agencies to organise community-based health, family planning and nutrition programmes.

The loan carries an annual interest rate of 7.65 per cent, plus a 0.75 per cent service charge and

is repayable in 20 years, including a five-year grace period.

The bank also announced on Monday that a \$33 million loan would be extended to Mali by the International Development Association (IDA), the bank's concessional-lending affiliate.

The money will support a project aimed at re-organising Mali's power sector under one agency — Energies du Mali (EDM).

EDM will be put in charge of the planning, construction and operation of all power sector facilities in the country. Training and technical assistance will also be provided where needed, to boost the agency's general and financial management.

Lonrho wins court ruling in Harrods fight

LONDON, April 4, (AP): Lonrho PLC, yesterday won a court ruling that relaxes somewhat an injunction the government obtained last week barring publication of a confidential government report on the takeover of Harrods' owner House of Fraser PLC.

The latest ruling allows the news media to report any parts of the Department of Trade and Industry report that are quoted in Parliament or in open court.

The injunction was granted to the Trade Department on Thursday, forcing Lonrho's weekly newspaper, The Observer, to withdraw a special midweek edition carrying extracts from a leaked copy of the report. The Observer normally is published on Sunday.

House of Fraser spokesman Michael Cole said yesterday: "We are very satisfied with the result today. Whether the report should be published is a matter for the secretary of state not for Mr (Tiny) Rowland (Head of Lonrho)."

The Observer's editor Donald Trefford said: "I am very pleased indeed that the press are not going to be inhibited in reporting what is read out of the report in court or in Parliament. It is very important."

Attempts

The Egyptian Al Fayed brothers purchased the House of Fraser stores — including Harrods — in 1985 for £615 million (\$1.03 billion) after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission thwarted repeated attempts by Lonrho to buy it.

Since then, Lonrho, a British conglomerate, and Rowland, have waged a campaign to have the takeover reversed, alleging the Al Fayed made false representations about their wealth and origins to make their bid. The brothers deny the allegations.

The Trade Department has said it won't publish its report into the matter pending an investigation the serious fraud office is conducting.

Replying to emergency questions in the House of Lords on Monday, Trade Secretary Lord Young said publication of the report would be premature.

The trade secretary said he was determined to publish the report as soon as possible. "It is my dearest wish," he said, "I have no interest in delaying."

Unlawful

He said The Observer's publication of parts of the report was both "unlawful and irresponsible."

"I shall not publish now and I shall not be damned... it is not my reputation that is at stake and I repudiate utterly that I want to hide anything or that the report criticizes my department... I will not be party to a private vendetta."

The government is seeking a court order forcing Lonrho to return any copies it has of the report.

Next Monday, the House of Lords, which serves as Britain's highest court of appeal, is due to start hearing an appeal by Lonrho seeking to force Young to reconsider his decision not to publish the report.

Foreign investment in Hollywood reaches new heights

HOLLYWOOD, California, April 4, (AP): Foreign investors are moving through this town as though it were a giant swap meet, with Australia's Qintex Group offering \$1 billion for United Artists and Japan's Sony Corp. brokering for a similar property.

Never before has overseas fascination in the entertainment industry reached such a feverish level, as large and small studios are now changing hands at the rate of one a month.

Sparked by the prospects of a deregulated European television market, advances in entertainment technology world-wide and a favourable exchange rate, companies and investors from many countries are taking a keen interest in Hollywood.

In addition to Friday's move by Qintex, British broadcaster Television South PLC acquired television producer MTM Enterprises for \$310 million in July.

Australian businessman Alan Saffron

bought film producer Atlantic Entertainment in December for an undisclosed amount and Italian producers Giancarlo Parretti and Florio Fiorini have been grabbing up a variety of Hollywood properties in 1989, including mini-studios Cannon Group and New World Pictures.

Deal

For the past few days, Hollywood has been abuzz with rumours that Sony Corp. was set to purchase entertainment conglomerate MCA Inc., a deal that analysts say is worth about \$5 billion. While officials from both companies insist that no buyout is in the works, such a merger does make sense for the Japanese entertainment hardware giant.

Sony purchased CBS Records — home of Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen — for more than \$2 billion in 1988, and has made no secret that it wants to buy a film studio.

"We're looking at Hollywood because of our interest in video, precisely the same

reason we looked at CBS Records because of our interest in audio," Sony vice chairman Michael Schuloff said recently.

Even though the film industry is enjoying record profits overall, several studios are desperately in need of money.

Although MCA is not one of them, a Sony purchase would give the Japanese enterprise not only premium film producer Universal Studios, but also a valuable film and television library, MCA Records, Universal Television, MCA Home Video, MCA's growing theme Park Franchise, a cable television unit, a publishing group, a concert and sports merchandising arm, and a 49 per cent share in movie theatre chain Cineplex Odeon.

"(Sony) is probably looking for software to complement their hardware," said Chris Jones, an entertainment analyst. "What they could be interested in buying is up to question. They could even just be interested in obtaining the Asian distribution rights."

EVENTS

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VIDEO CORNER

Of implausible twins and flimsy plots

By Gall Seery

IF you can believe that scientists could make one child from six fathers and one mother, and then resist telling everyone about it, that twins can track each other by telepathy, and that a "split embryo" could result in opposites, then you are probably also willing to believe that Arnold Schwarzenegger delivers his lines in a convincing manner and is a sentient life form.

The film is *Twins*, and is roughly a series of musical interludes loosely based on Schwarzenegger's muscles, bound together by a somewhat flimsy plot. The even flimsier sub-plot is clearly added later in an attempt to reinforce the structure a little.

Not only that, but it's little more than a vehicle for Schwarzenegger and Danny de Vito. We will probably never be told what fabled imagination first thought up pairing these two as



De Vito and Schwarzenegger in *Twins*.

twin brothers. Even De Vito doesn't really manage to lift this film very far above the

average. Schwarzenegger plays Julius Benedict, a genetically engin-

tered superman, with De Vito playing Vince, who was created out of "the bits that were left." Julius is good, intelligent and strong, and has lived all his life on a desert island with a weird professor whose main purpose in the film is to provide an explanation for why the muscle man talks with a German accent. On Julius' 35th birthday he learns he has a twin brother and heads off to find him. Predictably he's in jail.

I'm prepared to admit there are some neat touches, like when Schwarzenegger pauses by a Rambo poster and laughs at Stallone's puny muscles. There are also quite effective shots showing how the two twins, so different to look at, think alike.

However, it doesn't really get the film very far. It plods along, determinedly implausible, as Vince and Julius search for their mother, and throws in plenty of opportunities for

Julius to flex his muscles and take his shirt off.

Vince has been running a stolen car racket, and he bites off a little more than he can chew when he unwittingly gets involved in industrial espionage. Julius helps him out—and please bear in mind that it took no less than four writers to put this little lot together.

I am a great Danny de Vito fan, ... he is not at his best and only manages to make sitting through the film bearable, but the best moments are when he is on screen. It is contrived, occasionally amusing, and wily cliché and unlikely, and comes in as something of a cross between Frankenstein's monster, Bonanza, and Starsky and Hutch.

The only two original ideas in the film seem to have been the pairing of De Vito and Schwarzenegger, and giving De Vito a pony tail. Here the imagination stops.



Al Haddad in the make-up room.

Kuwaiti pantomime

KUWAITI Abdul Aziz Al Haddad will present a pantomime entitled "The Alienation of a Clown" at the Abdul Aziz Al Masoud theatre in Kuwait.

Al Haddad said the pantomime has a universal draw and should be of interest to foreigners in Kuwait. "My objective is to draw the foreigners to the theatre movement here," he said. It will be performed today and on Thursday and Friday. Admission free. For information call 4812711.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery

UNTIL April 7: Paintings by Shaker Hussain are on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St., daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

Free Atelier Studio

UNTIL April 8: A Jordanian art exhibition is open at the Free Atelier Studio, Gulf St., daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm. The show has been organised by the Jordanian embassy in co-operation with the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters.

Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL April 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 8.30 pm.

Formative Arts Show

UNTIL April 5: A formative arts show is being held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. More than 80 paintings by Arab and Gulf artists are on display. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

THEATRE

Kuwaiti pantomime

A pantomime entitled "The Clown" will be presented by Abdul Aziz Al Haddad at the Abdul Aziz Al Masoud theatre in Kuwait. The pantomime was written, directed and acted by Al Haddad. It will be performed at 9.30 pm on Wednesday,



Commitment to quality

Abdul Aziz Al Razak, managing director of Ashraf and Company was offered a replica of the first Kodak snap shot camera ever produced in 1888. The Kodak camera which was introduced in 1888 established Kodak leadership in the manufacturing and marketing

Thursday and Friday

Malayalam Drama: APRIL 7: Gayathri Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Kalyan Panchangam" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandran and directed by Nandan Iyengar. For entry passes call 5643126.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU Night

APRIL 7: 6.30 pm. Holiday Inn Hotel. Sing-alike contest and Bagong Kampeon for Filipinos. Call Sarah 4843447 or Rod Corezo 4843595.

SPORTS

L & M Open Team

bowling tournament: APRIL 6: 6.30 to 9.30 pm and thereafter every Wednesday and Thursday the open-team bowling tournament will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel, organised by KAPILKU.

Laser Sailing

APRIL 7: Messilah Beach Laser Club start their Mad Hatters Ramadan series. First briefing: 10 am. All laser sailors welcome. For details call David Clark (W) 4845171; (H) 2425947; Philip Shepherd (W) 4841513; (H) 5314957.

Coastal Cricket Club

MAY 18: 8 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel: annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For reservations or details call Simon Clements 533-3248 or Val Tudball 532-7159.

Good girl, bad girl

By Shaun Seekins

MYSTIC Pizza runs against the grain of recent "teen" movies, it is a well-acted, well written film that places its emphasis on three female characters at the crossroads of life, a romantic adult comedy with some spicy moments.

Jojo (Lili Taylor), Daisy (Julia Roberts) and Kat (Annabeth Gish) are three spirited young waitresses spending one final summer serving up pizza and pulchritude in Mystic, Connecticut. Jojo feels destined to marry her longtime boyfriend, but is apprehensive at the thought of becoming a fisherman's wife. Her friend Daisy does not even have that

prospect to look forward to. A sexy, ambitious flirt in pursuit of "the good life", she knows that if she stays in Mystic, she will never be regarded as much more than the town's "bad girl."

Ironically, her much more conventional younger sister, Kat, who is heading for Yale on a scholarship could make use of some of Daisy's expertise with men. Her carefully planned life is in danger of being derailed by her love for a married man.

In other hands this could be a depressing story, but director Donald Petrie has fashioned some delicately blended characters who project enough inner strength and humour to offset their surface vulnerabilities.

The performances by relatively unknown actors are all first rate, particularly that of Julia Roberts who manages to be both raunchy and sincere at the same time.

Mystic Pizza has all the ingredients — story, direction and performances.

Day One is a good new best-seller recounting the American experiments to perfect the atomic bomb during WW2. Several new cartoons for children are available including *Revenge of the Mysterons from Mars*.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Naaf, Salhiya, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Tel: 5724372.

Theatre awards presented

KUWAIT, April 4, (KUNA): The first International Theatre Week ended in Kuwait yesterday. The closing ceremony was attended by Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah.

Sheikh Jaber distributed awards to the winners of the best play, actors, actresses, writer, producer and designer. Awards were also presented by Hamad Al Roomi, the assistant undersecretary for culture, press and censorship at the Ministry of Information.

Information Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaafar and a large number of Kuwaitis also attended.



Sheikh Jaber presenting an award to one of the winners.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Florida Straits
Starring: Raul Julia, Farid Ward
Al Sahaf
Inner Space
Starring: Dennis Quaid
Al Hama
El'Al Ami (Arabic)
Starring: Iham Shahin, Mohsin Mohiuddin
Drive-In
Amber Al Maut (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shareef, Afaf Shuaib
Al Firdous
Soorma Bhopali (Hindi)
Starring: Jagdeep, Aruna Irani
Fakheel Open-Air
Ram Lakhan (Hindi)
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff
Al Jeeb
Night of the Creeps

Al Fakheel
Al Nashaat Al Fatimat (Arabic)
Al Jabra
Dragon Bruce Lee II
Granada
Al Khounah (Arabic)
Almadi Drive-In
Al Duniya Als Jinah
Yamama (Arabic)
Suleibikhat
Aperan (Bengali)

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.11 am
Zuhr	11.51
Asr	3.23 pm
Maghreb	6.10
Isha	7.28

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Alamiya Pharmacy
Jandol Bldg, Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Mojil Pharmacy
Mojil Bldg, Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Qatani Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Salamiya and Rumanthiya
Al Markaziya Pharmacy
Asfoor Bldg, Omar Bin Aas St.
Fakheel and Almadi
Al Inaan Pharmacy
Maklah St.
Khatam
Al Hayat Pharmacy
Al Zein Bldg, Ibrahim Bin Adham St.
Jabra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Co-operative Society

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoon Serial
10.00 Al Mubaraqat: Arabic serial, featuring Mahmoud Saud, Ahmad Mazhar, Safiya Al Omari, Ahmad Maher
11.00 Bain Nareen: Arabic serial, starring: Abdul Rahman Al Aqel, Abdul Aziz Al Nimish, Tayebba Faraj, Jassem Nabhan
12.00 International Circus
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Hikayat Alamiya: cartoon serial
5.15 Laila Min Alf Laila
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: daily religious serial
6.15 With Students
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Folklore
8.00 Advancement of Science
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial, featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Nabil Nur Al Din, Ahsan Qalawi, Ahmad Khamis, Zizi Mustafa
10.50 Aghniyat Fi Al Tamaniyat: variety show. Last episode. Guests are artists Abdul Karim Abdul Kader and Anwar Abdullah
11.50 News Summary
11.55 World News via Satellite



Abdul Rahman Al Aqel stars in Bain Naaren, on KTV 1.

KTV2

12.20 Holy Quran/Closedown
4.30 Opening
4.38 Cartoons
4.45 Football: Al Qadsiya vs Al Kazma
5.45 Cartoons
6.25 Handball: Kuwait vs Korea
7.50 You and the Law
8.00 News in English
8.55 The Law and Harry McGraw: "Harry Does the Huskies." Harry handles the case of a swindler and blackmailer
9.40 Private Benjamin: "When It's Not, It's Not." Private Benjamin is charged with spreading rumours
10.10 Just for Laughs: comedy
10.30 Feature film: "The Marva Collins Story." Starring: Cicely Tyson, Morgan Freeman, Rodrick Wimberly, Kelly Cosby. Tyson plays real life Chicago schoolteacher Marva Collins, who disillusioned with the conventional public schools, quit and started one of her own. The most remarkable part of the story is that her students, considered slow, even retarded by school authorities, thrived in an atmosphere of love, discipline and dedication to learning. Director: Peter Levin. Made for TV. 1981. 104 minutes
12.35 News Summary/ followed by Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 Newstalk
30 Omnibus
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Help Yourself
45 Country Style
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Tech Talk
30 Music
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Discovery
0400 Newstalk
30 Business Matters
45 Country Style
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 Newstalk
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary
30 Development '89
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 Business Matters
30 Screenplay
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Help Yourself
1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
30 Jazz for the Asking
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Country Style
30 Meridian
1200 Newstalk
15 They Made Our World
25 The Farming World
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '89
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Business Matters
1500 Newstalk
15 The Learning World
30 After Henry

1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Ackers Away (ex. 5th The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes)
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Society Today
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newstalk
30 Multitrack 2
1900 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Network UK
45 Help Yourself

Urdu

1900 Opening/Holy Quran
1910 Behar-e-Qadri
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Subah-e-Nau
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown

ASHRAFS AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

ASHRAF & CO. LTD. inaugurated The Amateur Photo Contest exhibition at The Diwania, Kuwait Sheraton Hotel. Following are the lucky winners and their prizes.

FIRST PRIZE:
Mr. Hammad Rajab Saleh Showeibi, won a Nikon (801) camera with 50m AF lens.

SECOND PRIZE:
Mrs. Katarzywa Gollinswa, won a Nikon (401) camera with 50m lens.

THIRD PRIZE:
Mr. Dobrosan Ameri, won a Kodak (K-80) AF camera.

FOURTH PRIZE:
Mr V. T. Sundaram, won a Kodak (S-100) camera.

Prize distribution will take place at The Diwania, Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday 5th April 1989 at 6.00 pm.

The exhibition is open daily from 9.00 am up to 10 pm from 3/4/89 - 9/4/89.

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A blessed month for the faithful

Fasting: worship by abstention

FASTING is an important duty enjoined on all Muslims who have attained the age of puberty. It is indeed the fourth of the five main duties which are commonly called "The Pillars of Islam."

The Arabic term which refers to this duty means linguistically "to refrain". It has come to denote, in the Islamic context, to refrain from doing anything which invalidates the fast, from the break of dawn till sunset, accompanied by one's intention to fast that day.

Its great value

Numerous traditions of the Prophet (PBUH) have been quoted which explain the great value of fasting as a form of worship.

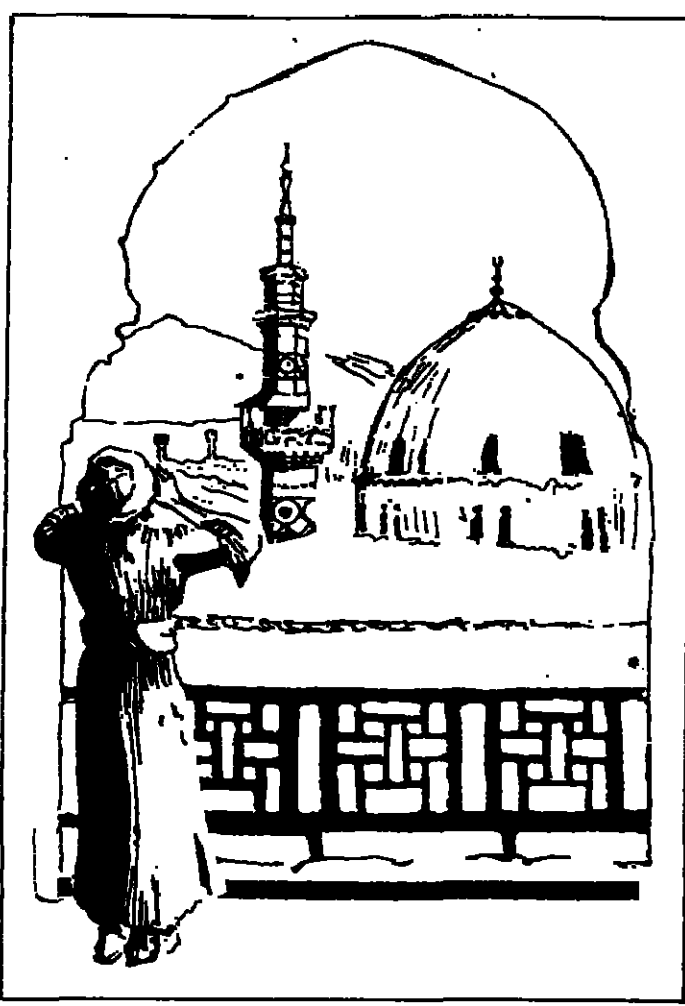
Abu Hurairah quotes the Prophet (PBUH) as saying: "Allah says: every action a human being does belongs to him except fasting, which is done for My sake, and I reward it accordingly. Fasting is a protective shield (against sins). When any of you fasts, he should refrain from obscenity, shouting loud and every unbecoming behaviour. If anyone insults him or quarrels with him, let him answer by saying: I am fasting (twice). By Him who holds Muhammad's (PBUH) soul in His hand, the mouth smell of a fasting person is, according to Allah, of better fragrance on the Day of Judgment than musk. A fasting person has two occasions to feel happy: he feels happy when he ends his fast, and he feels happy when he meets his Lord for having fasted." (Related by Ahmad, Muslim and Al Nassai.)

The same tradition is also reported by Al-Bukhari and Abu Dawood with minor variations of wording.

Abdullah ibn Amr quotes the Prophet (PBUH) as saying: "Fasting and the Holy Qur'an intercede with Allah on the Day of Judgment on behalf of their man. Fasting says: My Lord, I have deprived him of his food and pleasures during the day, so please accept my intercession on his behalf."

The Holy Qur'an says I have deprived him of his sleep at night, so please accept my intercession on his behalf. Allah accepts their intercession." (Related by Ahmad.)

Abu Umamah reported that he went to the Prophet (PBUH) and said: "Prescribe for me something which helps me, if I fulfill it, to be admitted into Heaven." The Prophet (PBUH) said: "I recommend you to fast, for fasting is superior to all actions." I asked him a second time later, and he said: "I recommend you to fast." (Related by Ahmad Al Nassai and others).



Fasting in Ramadan

Fasting is subdivided into compulsory and voluntary. The compulsory is further subdivided into: fasting in Ramadan, fasting in atonement for sins, and fasting in fulfillment of vows.

To fast during the days of the month Ramadan is compulsory as evidence by the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah and the unanimity of the Muslim nation. In the Holy Qur'an, we read: *Believers, fasting has been ordained for you as it has been ordained for those before you, so that you may remain God-fearing.* (2:183) Allah also says in the Holy Qur'an: *It was in the month of Ramadan that the Holy Qur'an was revealed, a guidance for mankind and a self-evident proof of that guidance and a standard to distinguish right from wrong. Hence, whoever of you is present in that month shall fast throughout it.* (2:185)

In the Sunnah, we have the Prophet's (PBUH) pronouncement: "Islam is built on five essential duties: the declaration that there is no deity but Allah and that Muhammad (PBUH) is Allah's messenger, regular attendance to prayers, payment of zakah, fasting in Ramadan and pilgrimage to Makkah."

Talhah ibn Ubaidillah, a companion of the Prophet (PBUH), reports that a man

forgiven all his past sins." (Related by Ahmad and others).

Abu Hurairah also quotes the Prophet (PBUH) as saying: "He who does not fast even one day in Ramadan for no legitimate exemption which Allah has granted him, cannot atone for it by fasting for the rest of time, even if he would do that." (Related by Abu Dawood, Ibn Majah and others.)

Al Thababi states that the believers in Islam are unanimous that he who does not fast in Ramadan when he is healthy commits a much graver crime than adultery and drunkenness. Indeed, he is believed to be a non-Muslim.

Its essentials

There are two essential things for fasting to be valid. 1. To refrain from anything which invalidates fasting, from the break of dawn till sunset. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an: *You may eat and drink until you can discern the white line of dawn against the blackness of the night. Then, resume the fast till nightfall (2:187).*

2. Intention. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an: *They have been ordered only to worship Allah making their submission pure to Him alone.* The Prophet (PBUH) says: "Actions are but by intention and every man shall have but that which he intended." It is necessary to have the intention to fast before dawn on each night of the month of Ramadan. Hafsa, a wife of the Prophet (PBUH), quotes him as saying: "He who has not made up his mind to fast before dawn invalidates his fasting." (Related by Ahmad and others.)

It is proper to have the intention to fast at any time during the night. There is no need to utter that intention verbally, because intention is a mental decision. It means only making up one's mind to do what is necessary in obedience to Allah and to earn his pleasure. Thus, if a person eats his shuhoor at night to prepare himself for fasting, his action constitutes an intention to fast.

If a person has made up his mind to abstain throughout the day from anything which invalidates fasting, his resolve is an intention, although he may not wish to eat before fasting.

Many scholars agree that for voluntary fasting, intention may be made after sunrise, provided that the person concerned has not eaten or drunk anything.

There is no fasting in the world that could parallel the fasting of Islam: for it is an irrevocable truth ordained by God: *"O mankind ye are poor in relation to Allah and Allah! He is the Absolute the Owner of Praise."*

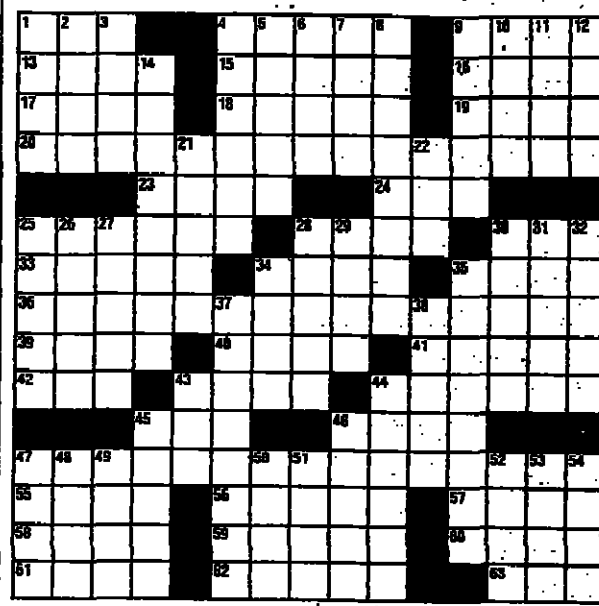
came to the Prophet (PBUH) and said: "Messenger of Allah, tell me what Allah imposed on me of fasting?" The Prophet (PBUH) answered: "The month of Ramadan." The man asked: "Anything more than that?" The Prophet (PBUH) said: "No, unless you wish to volunteer."

The Muslim nation is unanimous that fasting in Ramadan is a duty which is essentially known to all as being part of Islam. He who denies it is a non-believer. Fasting was imposed as a duty on all Muslims on Monday, the second day of the month of Sha'aban in the second year after the Prophet's (PBUH) emigration to Madinah.

A blessed month Abu Hurairah quotes, the Prophet (PBUH) as saying when Ramadan approached: "You are about to receive a blessed month which you are required to fast. During this month, the gates of Heaven are open and the gates of Hell are closed; Satans are chained. It includes a night which is far better than thousand months and he who is deprived of the benefit of that night is certainly deprived." (Related by Ahmad, Al Nassai and Al Baihaqi.)

Abu Hurairah quotes the Prophet (PBUH) as saying: "He who fasts in the month of Ramadan out of faith and seeking Allah's pleasure is

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Dry, as wine
4 Antelope
9 Pianist Myra
13 French state
15 "Ben Jonson!"
16 "I want for Christmas..."
17 Farm plot
18 Preterite
19 "For Brutus — honourable man"
20 Woodward's 1957 Oscar winner, with "The" (21)
23 Oriental weight
24 "— body meet —"
25 Comply
28 Arrears
30 For each
33 Actor Michael
34 Kitchen wrap
35 Saanen
36 Brecht-Weill opus, with "The"
39 With 28 Down, memorable actress
40 River of Ireland
41 Hold
42 Connective
43 Author Ferber
44 Fall blooms
45 Total

DOWN
1 Do an usher's job
2 Draw, in a way
3 Mystery writer John Dickson
4 Sweet treat
5 Of space
6 Secular
7 Yen
8 In a rational way
9 Israeli port
10 If not
11 Tchaikovsky's "March"
12 Qua non lead-in
14 Wasn't steady
21 "Lady" of song
22 Frequently, poetically
25 Bone cavities
26 Maine Senator William —
27 Healed

28 See 39 Across
29 — Kline Nachtmusik
30 Golfer Calvin
31 Trial's companion
32 Horses of a certain color
34 House plant
35 Inscriptions of a sort
37 They vend
38 Actor Davis
43 Nigerian city
44 Dahl or Francis
45 Greek fabulist
46 Rose essence
47 Tough trip
48 Put on the payroll
49 Fad
50 "— a man with..."
51 Brouhaha
52 "— Camera"
53 Joel or Zane
54 Stitched

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable; you hold:
♠ 73 ♠ AQJ84 ♠ AJ93 ♠ J4
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
A.—You are in slam territory, if you have a fit. Since you have a good five-card major, jump to three hearts. Partner's next bid should reveal the hand's potential.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable; you hold:
♠ KJ6 ♠ K1063 ♠ K8 ♠ AK95
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—In support of hearts you have an absolute maximum—all prime controls, good trump support and a ruffing value. A bid of four hearts does not do your hand justice. Correct is to cue-bid your cheapest first-round control; in this case, four clubs.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable; you hold:
♠ KJ6 ♠ K1063 ♠ K8 ♠ AK95
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—In a cue-bidding sequence, first show all your first-round controls, then your second-round controls.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.8—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.9—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.10—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—In the words of the young sailor in the heart of battle: "I seen my duty and I done it." Partner has asked you to bid a suit. You know he has at least four spades, but you can't be sure how many diamonds he holds. Bid two spades. Think of it as supporting his suit. And there is an advantage to keeping the bidding as low as possible with such a miserable hand.

Q.11—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 853 ♠ 972 ♠ J643 ♠ 874
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Dbl
Pass ?

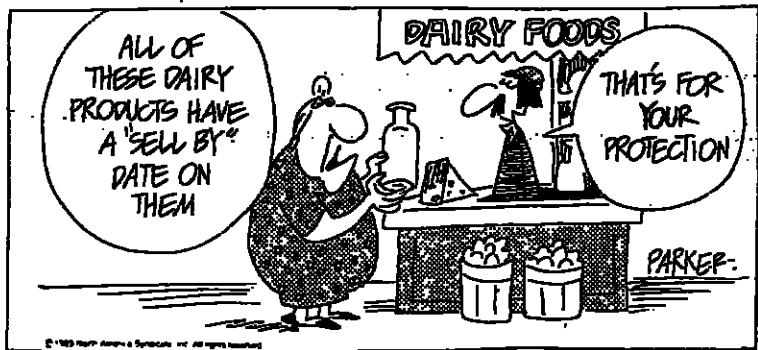
What action do you take?
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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should not bemoan your fate, just make the best of what you have. If you use a bit more commonsense you will avoid putting a foot wrong. Your lucky numbers are 51 and 36. You will have to be careful about your weight. Be friendly.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You are all too able to act on impulse rather than back to the past and make the most of the present. Do all you can to stay tidy. Do not expect everyone to share your opinion. Be generous.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will have a surprise and it will not be an altogether pleasant one. Make sure you do keep a promise you have made. Avoid getting into a muddle. Be sincere.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
You should not do the first thing that comes into your mind. Reflect and do not be too proud to ask for information and advice. Do not allow work to ruin your personal life. Be patient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
This is going to be a busy day for you so do not waste time. You will be able to do something interesting but routine chores must not be neglected. Avoid being angry with yourself or others. Be of good cheer.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You should look forward to the future rather than back to the past and make the most of the present. Do all you can to stay tidy. Do not expect everyone to share your opinion. Be generous.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You will be able to put into practice something that you have long considered. You will be more lucky than you have been of late but do not rely upon luck to get you out of trouble. Be responsive.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Your determination will help you to overcome what could have been a serious obstacle. You should make sure you do not outstay your welcome. Avoid driving for long stretches without a break. Be firm.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. Avoid being in too great a hurry. Keep calm when dealing with a rather awkward person. Be reliable.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
You will feel rather unsure of yourself at first but soon you will regain your usual confidence. Take what you hear with a pinch of salt. Support a friend going through a difficult stage. Be helpful.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You must act quickly if you do not want to waste a good opportunity. You will have to deal with someone who is not in a good mood and should not lose your temper. Take better care of your health. Be moderate.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You must make sure you do not allow an upset to disturb your peace of mind. You will receive some news which will not be as good as you had hoped nor as bad as it could have been. Avoid exaggerations and do not exceed the limits of propriety. Be fair.

By Kathy Cuddihy

THERE are the exceptionally good gardeners of this world and there are the exceptionally bad gardeners.

As a gentle compromise to these two extremes, there are mediocre gardeners. These types usually grow up loving plants but hate/fear having anything to do with them if it threatens to become more labour-intensive than mere admiration or routine watering. Although they have heard the term "green thumb", they suspect it might be a gangrenous infection and would probably amputate rather than let it take root, so to speak.

Without a doubt, I fall into the mediocre category. I'm also one of those people who would love to be better than mediocre, but lack that inherent instinct to know when to do what. My plants survive fairly happily on my policy of benign neglect, but I can't help wish they would flourish rather than simply exist.

Experience, however, has taught me to temper any bursts of enthusiasm which periodically surface. I developed this rationale many years ago when Riyadh was little more than a concrete hiccup in a vast desert. In those days, pictures in glossy magazines were the closest anyone got to seeing landscaping. Except for the odd stray seed which might temporarily take root, not a lot grew outdoors in the harsh environment.

Going to pot

Not a lot grew indoors, either. In limited availability, scraggly little starter plants sold for outrageous prices and were nurtured with great devotion — more from the challenge to keep life alive than from botanical zeal.

Somehow or other we had become the proud owners of a much prized rubber plant. Although merely a mediocre gardener, I was determined that this plant would not only survive but thrive.

Of the many helpful hints I collected from more experienced plant owners, the recommendation most frequently mentioned was to fertilize the plant. Riyadh had no commercial plant supplies in those days, but it had plenty of fertilizer — the fresh, natural variety, courtesy of the city's itinerant goat, sheep and camel herds.

With no small effort, I tried to persuade my husband that, in order to give our plant the best possible environment, we should pay a visit to the camel suq.

"What on earth does the camel suq have to do with environmental conditions for a rubber plant?" Himself queried rather naively.

"We're not going to bring the plant to the suq, silly. We're going to bring a little bit of the suq to the plant." I explained patiently.

"And just what does this involve?" he asked, suspicion clouding his usually tolerant facial expression.

"Well, we'll bring a large plastic garbage bag and a shovel...."

"Kathy, you can't be serious. Are you actually suggesting that I go to a public suq and shovel?"

"Well... yes. I really don't see any reason to get upset. It's for a good cause." I mumbled, with diminishing faith in the expedition.

After exerting some friendly persuasion (oh, alright, veiled threats), I finally convinced Himself that he would not endanger his standing in the community by collecting a bit of manure.

We had never been to the camel suqs. Not knowing what to expect, I guess we weren't surprised, but the large, open holding pens did make stealth a little more difficult.

From the security of our Suburban, I volunteered to keep guard while Himself crawled through the fence, sheepishly dragging a shovel and black bag.

"It's OK," I assured him in a stage whisper, "there's no one looking. Start shovelling."

My husband follows the if-you're-going-to-do-a-job-do-it-right approach to life, so he immediately headed for the freshest pile of poops that he could find.

Diligently, if not enthusiastically, my one-of-a-kind man amassed a steaming stockpile.

By now the camels weren't the only creatures eyeing this seemingly eccentric foreigner. A small group of squatting bedouins cautiously observed the activity in the camel pen, but respectfully made no comments — at least none we could hear.

Rolling the eyeballs probably means the same in any language, but they took the sting out of the action by smiling as they did it.

With only minor difficulties, we got the bulging bag through the fence, into the Suburban and back to the House where I generously dropped droppings onto the rubber plant.

In no time at all, our house smelled like the camel suq, a factor which no doubt accounted for the influx of flies and neighbourhood dogs in epidemic proportions. Worse, the plant showed serious signs of terminal illness. Too late, I learned that the fertilizer had to be dry before application.

Intense remedial measures saved the plant, and some fast-action dung disposal got rid of the unwanted lifeforms which were overwhelming our home.

Unfortunately, the plant was never the same again. Neither was I. Nowadays, because of my diminished enthusiasm, my plants may not thrive, but they all survive.

James Garner back in the saddle

The last real man in Hollywood

By Judy Byrne

HE gunned his way through the 'Sixties as Maverick'. He punched through the 'Seventies as tough sleuth Rockford'. And for his latest film, he plays wild Western lawman Wyatt Earp.

No wonder they call James Garner the last real man in Hollywood.

But 60-year-old Garner, who measures six feet four inches from his socks to his still-thick curly hair, laughs at the label. "I'm really the biggest show business chicken since Daffy Duck," he says.

His record says otherwise.

Garner confesses: "I've collected a lot of bruises and sprains over the years. I'm probably Hollywood's walking miracle. I have had nine knee operations but I've stopped counting the injuries I've had to my back, ribs and shoulders. One knee is terrible and the other is worse."

On the record are two broken kneecaps and two smashed ribs, a chipped vertebra and endless strains, sprains, torn ligaments, dislocated discs, pulled muscles and tendons.

Then there is the painful arthritis that stems from Garner's days as a top-ranking college athlete and football player and a recurring back problem.

He has to be the only man in movie-making history to have broken a tooth eating spaghetti on the set.

A lesser man with such a large fortune at his disposal would long ago have hung up his spurs, put a "the end" sign over the front gate, and settled down to enjoying the fruits of the oil investments which have made Garner a multi-millionaire with a film production company and the vice presidency of a bank to his credit.

Instead, he's been back in the saddle to shoot Sunset with just the worst of the rough stuff going to the stuntman he's worked with for 25 years.

"He's become a great friend," says Garner. "But after all that time, even he's beginning to feel the strain."

"Neither of us is as young or as resilient as we used to be. So I try to rely more upon humour than action."

Garner gives few interviews. He hates promoting movies, avoids parties and picture-takers, and expects his public relations people to keep the Press at bay.

"Well, would you like to sit and talk about yourself time after time?" he asks. "I hate talking about myself. I find it boring."

In fact, his life has been anything but boring. It is sort of stuff movie scripts are made of.

He was only four years old when his mother died, seven when his father remarried. He says: "My stepmother was a bitch. She made me wear a dress and called me Louise. It meant that as a child I was

taunted and laughed at.

"The fear of people laughing at me is still a painful reality."

There was physical as well as psychological cruelty, too. "She made us cut willow switches which she then used to beat us. My father left her when he found out what she was doing."

At 15, during World War two, Garner left school and joined the US marines. But no sooner had he enlisted than the Germans surrendered so he stayed in the service only a year. He went back to school again, but was kicked out at 18 for truancy.

Acting had still not entered his head. He drifted from job to job — labourer, oil field worker, logger... About 50 jobs on, he ended up in Los Angeles laying carpets for his father's firm. He had stuck with nothing for more than a few months.

But he was always looking for something better. He says: "I had been to the Shell Oil Company in Los Angeles for a job interview and was driving back when I saw a guy I used to know had an office."

"I'd been working in a filling station and he'd been a waiter when I knew him but now he was a producer."

On an impulse he went in. The friend offered him a part in the Caine Murney Court Martial on Broadway.

James Garner had stumbled into show business. And 40-odd films later — including Grand Prix, The Great Escape, and The Americanization of Emily, Sayonara, and Support Your Local Sheriff — he is still working well.

The Great Escape, the classic war film of the actual mass escape from Stalag Luft 3 in 1944, co-starred Steve McQueen. It was McQueen, since killed by cancer, that the film instantly into the big time. Garner's up-grading took longer.

But he is happy with the way the pace of his career has gone since.

When he went for his first audition at Columbia, knees knocking with nervousness, the producer told him: "I don't know what you have been doing, Son, but you ought to go right back to it because you'll never make an actor."

"Nobody tells me I can't do something," was his reaction. Determination stoked to fever pitch, he kept trying and three years later was starring in Maverick, instantly becoming a household name: "Without time for my knees to tremble. Because when you are doing 39 shows a year, there's no time," he explains.

Garner believes his late start gave him a more mature perspective on Hollywood. He is first to laugh at its absurdities. And he has never set much store on being Number One at the box office. "I have always wanted a job that lasts," he says.

"My idea was and still is longevity. Where can you go from Number One but down?"



He doesn't need the money. He blushes at the fame. But an incredible 60-year-old James Garner is one of the most dependable and permanent professionals of the movie business. And for his latest film, he plays Wild West lawman Wyatt Earp.

Garner as Bret Maverick (above) and (below) holding up the Purple Heart Medal presented to him in Los Angeles.

Lucille honoured

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Lucille Ball is this year's recipient of the Eastman second century award from the Directors Guild of America for her continuing contribution to the development of young talent in the entertainment industry.

The veteran comedian was to accept the award at the third annual Eastman Kodak second century award banquet April 24 at the Beverly Hills hotel. Previous winners include Steven Spielberg, Burt Reynolds and film executive David Puttnam.

When told of the honour, Ball said, "seeing new people get started has always been exciting for me. Working with them and watching them 'take off' on their own is the real prize."

Principal production has started on the suspense drama 'Fear' starring Ally Sheedy for Kobritz-O'Bannon productions and Vestron pictures.

Fear, which co-stars Lauren Hutton, Michael O'Keefe and Dina Merrill, is being produced by Richard Kobritz and written and directed by Rockne S. O'Bannon.

Fear is a story of a successful young woman with psychic powers. She writes books about the phenomenon and aids police authorities in aborting crimes.

Busters wraps Principal photography on Ghostbusters 2 has wrapped for stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver, Harold Ramis and Rick Moranis.

The comedy reunites all the stars of the original 1984 comedy hit, along with the return of supporting players Annie Potts and Ernie Hudson.

Ivan Reitman, who also produced and directed Ghostbusters, has begun post-production processes on the film at Columbia Pictures.

New sitcom Jon Cryer and Lainie Kazan will co-star in The Famous Teddy Z, a new half-hour sitcom for CBS-TV scheduled for broadcast next season.

Cryer, best known for his roles in Pretty in Pink and Hiding Out, plays Teddy Zakaloski, the only member of the mailroom of a major talent agency who doesn't want to be an agent.

Kazan plays Teddy Z's overprotective mother who wants her son to work in the family bakery. The cast includes Alex Rocco, Milton Selzer, Jane Sibbett and John Del Regno.

Los Angeles: Hard-rockers Guns n' Roses, who had been asked to headline an AIDS benefit concert for the gay men's health crisis, have been dropped from the June 8 Radio City music hall event in New York.

A spokeswoman for the band, which currently has two albums in Billboard Magazine's Top 10, said the GMHC had a "negative reaction to the lyrical content of one of the band's songs."

A song on the band's recent EPGNFies has references to homosexuals and blacks that many have found offensive.

Montreal honours film MONTREAL, (UPI): Bethune the making of a hero, starring Donald Sutherland as the legendary Canadian surgeon Dr. Norman Bethune, will make its world premiere Aug. 24 at the opening of the 1989 Montreal-world film festival.

The selection of Bethune, a joint Canadian, Chinese, and French production, was announced at a news conference by festival President Serge Losique.

Bethune practised in Montreal before pioneering battlefield surgery during the Spanish civil war and with the communist armies of Mao Tse-Tung in China. He died of blood poisoning in 1939 after cutting his finger while operating on a Chinese soldier.

The film was shot in China, Canada, and Spain. Filming took more than three years.

The 1989 festival will also devote a day to the national film board of Canada which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Life without Dynasty

By Hilary Bonner

Kate O'Mara is totally frank about the big difference in her life since she quit Hollywood's supersoap Dynasty to join BBC's *Howards Way*.

"It's the money darling," she told me. "I'm earning almost exactly a twentieth of what I did in America."

The 49-year-old actress picked up nearly £20,000 a week for her role as *Careless in Dynasty*. And a dramatic cut in salary has meant a vastly different lifestyle.

She has swapped a spacious Beverly Hills apartment for a tiny cottage in Richmond, Surrey. The limousines to ferry her to the studio are gone. Instead she drives herself to the BBC in down-to-earth Birmingham in a family saloon car.

But there are advantages. She no longer has to look relentlessly glamorous all the time.

"I play a successful businesswoman and I have to look good," she says. "But at least in British TV if you are playing a scene which should make you look dreadful then you are allowed to look dreadful. In *Dynasty* you even have to cry and shout at people looking beautiful. They tell you not to screw your face up." And, in contrast to what viewers may imagine, Kate doesn't have to work as hard in *Howards Way*.

"No actors in the world work harder than those in American soaps," she says. "The schedules are absolutely grueling."

Kate returned home to Britain last year after her character *Careless* was sent to Australia in the series.

They didn't actually write me out, but they didn't actually tell me when I'd be back in either," said Kate.

It was then she got the offer of a part in *King Lear* in England and decided she couldn't sit around in Los Angeles any longer.

Kate O'Mara talks about the advantages and disadvantages of life after leaving *Dynasty*.



Kate O'Mara: a dramatic cut in salary has meant a totally different lifestyle for the 49-year-old actress.

It was while appearing in *Lear* that Peter Woodward talked to me about an actors' theatre group, and I decided just to plunge right in. And so most of the money she saved while coining it in Tinseltown has gone towards starting The British Actors' Theatre Company with Peter, son of *Equus* actor Edward.

"It is a dream come true for me," she says. "Something I have

always wanted to do. As soon as I finish the present series of *Howards Way* we will be touring the country with *Cleopatra*."

Kate explains: "I come from a family who have always produced theatre and I love being involved with the managing side as well as acting. It is worth more to me than a huge wage packet."

"And the money side of things doesn't bother me the way people may think, you know. I always seem to play glamorous wonderfully well-dressed people, certainly on television."

At home Kate likes to slop around in jeans and sweaters and doesn't need a lot of expensive props.

The Richmond cottage may be small but it is pretty, simply and tastefully furnished.

Kate doesn't drink, smoke or eat meat. She likes plants and gardening and above all, the theatre. She sees TV as a means of keeping her name and face in the public eye and of financing her theatrical ambitions.

But she says her *Dynasty* experience was one not to be missed. And she destroys a few myths concerning her relationship with Joan Collins. "Joan is one of the girls, isn't she?" says Kate rather surprisingly.

"Everyone expected that we would flare our nostrils at each other all the time off screen as well as on. But Joan and I have a lot in common."

"What we actually did was to gossip a lot."

Location filming of *Howards Way* begins in Malta at the end of April. It is then that Kate feels she will really become a part of the top-rated boat people drama. The series will be televised in the autumn.

"Just perfect darling," says Kate. "It is always so good for the theatre box office if you are on telly."

First East bloc film about AIDS

By Michael Wise

PRAGUE, (Reuters): AIDS is used as a metaphor for moral decay and sloth in Czechoslovakia in a new film by once-banned filmmaker Vera Chytilova.

A splotch of blood is depicted on a poster outside the cinema in Prague's Wenceslas Square where *A Tainted Horseplay*, said to be the first film in the East bloc about AIDS, had its premiere this month. The poster describes the film as "a tragicomedy of three friends fatally threatened by AIDS."

"For me it is a film about threat and menace," said Chytilova.

The three male protagonists go through a whirl of sexual antics, sleeping with one another's girlfriends amid scenes of corruption and intellectual dishonesty until one comes down with the AIDS virus.

"What can you do except have fun in this corrupted jungle?" asks one of the men, voicing a resigned attitude common among many of his compatriots, who have focused on private pursuits since their hopes of political involvement were dashed by the 1968 Soviet-led invasion.

Czechoslovaks have long had liberal attitudes to sex. "It used to be said that when there was a blackout, children would be born nine months later. A certain darkness can cause many things," Chytilova said of the invasion's impact.

"We are finding out that there is not enough space (here) for the development of personality and this leads to moral deformations," she said in an interview.

"People cannot really apply their talents. Certainly one has internal freedom but it is the freedom in decision-making that's important. One should be able to decide one's own destiny."

In *A Tainted Horseplay* moral decline and apathy affect much more than just the sexual realm. A bookkeeper takes bribes to ignore graft, a theatre director bows to censorship and a communist party candidate member, echoing party chief Milos Jakes, presses his colleagues to work harder while offering little in return.

"It's not only Mr Jakes but other people who say the same thing," Chytilova, 60, said. "They've been telling us that for decades. We all know we should work harder but we work less because we underestimate the meaning of work."

"We don't see the results. We see irresponsibility and we don't see people who make errors being punished. So in a sense everything is allowed, everything is possible."

Chytilova wears oversized spectacles on a face of beauty recalling her early work as a fashion model.

She was one of the most innovative figures to emerge from the so-called new wave of Czechoslovak film in the 1960s, alongside Oscar-winning Jiri Menzel and Milos Forman.

Chytilova was barred from filmmaking for six years after 1968 because her previous films were regarded as promoting the Prague spring reform movement.

Chevy Chase going great guns

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Name an actor who currently has three — count 'em three — big screen series going.

It's Chevy Chase, of course, the only movie star with a trio of repeating characters going for him at one time: Clark Griswold in the National Lampoon *Vacations* series, I.M. Fletcher in the *Fletcher* pictures and Ty Webb in the *Caddy Shack* comedies.

The personable, talented Chase seemed surprised when it was brought to his attention that this is indeed a rarity. He loves the *Vacation* and *Fletcher* films, but appears to be determined he will never star in a third *Caddy Shack*.

"I like Fletcher and Griswold," he said. "They are totally different guys. And I love them both."

Fletcher is the kind of secret wisecracker that everybody wants to be. Griswold is the guy who is probably inside everybody — the Klutz. Fletcher is pessimist and cynic. Griswold is an optimist, convinced everything is going to turn out all right.

"Funny, a lot of the critics hate Fletcher. They think he's mean. I don't see him that way at all."

I even liked Ty Webb in *Caddy Shack*. Ty is a ne'er-do-well rich guy who cares for naught. I wasn't that crazy about



Chevy Chase: has three big screen series going

the pictures, but I loved watching Bill Murray and Ted Knight perform in the first one.

"There's a little bit of me in Fletcher, Griswold and Webb. That's true of all actors, including Meryl Streep and Robert de Niro. You're not going to see one of their movies without a seeing little bit of them in it. People want that."

Fletcher Lives will be released soon and Christmas Vacation, with Beverly D'Angelo again playing Griswold's long-suffering wife, goes into production in a couple of weeks.

Chase has signed a five-picture exclusive deal with Warner Bros, but this does not mean he will be taking on any heavy dramatic roles.

"I've learned over the last few years that there is a core group of fans who like to see whatever is intrinsic about me," he said. "They don't want to see me do things they don't expect."

Like Fletcher, Chase is a bit cynical himself. Of his good fortune to have three hit characters making him richer and famous, he shakes his head and laughs.

"It's all business," he said.

"The studios see a possibility for making big bucks here and they go with it. I don't think the original Fletcher was that big a hit, but it was a well-made movie."

Chase said he looks forward to working with Warner Bros, because of the positive relationship he has had in the past.

"They'll want me to do the broadest laugh comedies possible," he said. "I'll have to fight to get any quality out of them, but that's neither here nor there. I love 'em and they love me. We'll come up with some good pictures."

In the works is *Memoirs of an Invisible Man*, a picture different from anything he's done before, Chase said. The movie will have comedic moments and funny physical stuff but will not be strictly a comedy.

"We bought the rights to the novel," he said. "I'll play the invisible man. The audience will see me, but to the other characters in the picture I won't be visible."

Chase enjoys the stratospheric perk of superstardom, his name above the title and the \$6 million per picture fee his box-office status commands.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I'm 74 years old in good health, but I never seem to get a good night's sleep and lie awake no matter how tired I get. Can you explain what's wrong?

ANSWER: First, take heart that you're not alone. Insomnia is the most common sleep disturbance. Second, since insomnia itself is a symptom, not a diagnosis, take some time to think about what might be causing your problem.

The cause might be something as simple as your age. The older you get, the more likely you are to sleep less efficiently. You wake up in the night, arise early in the morning, feel sleepy during the day. However, while you may be sleeping less at night, chances are you're also napping during the day. The result is that the overall amount of sleep you get hasn't changed.

On the other hand, your insomnia may be the result of stress. The death of a loved one, a change in jobs, even travel, can all temporarily disrupt your sleep habits. This type of insomnia usually lasts no more than three weeks. If your sleep troubles continue longer than that, you may have a medical

SLEEPLESSNESS COULD HAVE MANY CAUSES

problem. Depression is often accompanied by insomnia. Older people who get depressed may find themselves waking at the crack of dawn. Manic or anxiety disorders also can cause insomnia.

Drugs and alcohol may have an effect on sleep, too. A nip of alcohol before bedtime, which many people feel helps sleep, may actually result in your awakening early in the morning. Other common drugs that can result in sleep problems include caffeine, nicotine, anti-hypertensives, anti-depressants, oral contraceptives, steroids, anti-convulsants, levodopa and psychostimulants.

What should you do about your insomnia? Even if you think you know what the problem is, it's best to consult your doctor. The two of you can work out a solution that's best for you.

One other note: Sleeping pills are not the answer to insomnia. Though a short course of medication does work in some specific instances, in the long run, sleeping pills are not an effective solution, you will not only solve your sleep problem, but lessen the

anxiety that sleepless nights have been producing.

ACROSS MY DESK: In a recent column, I answered a question about caring for an invalid's bed sores. Many of you wrote to share your experiences with this problem and to offer advice and counsel. It seems that concoctions and creams of all types have been used, including one which included "lily leaves in whiskey" and a variety of protective ointments similar to those used for diaper rash.

Bed coverings were discussed, including natural sheepskin and many types of foam rubber and sponge rubber coverings that all would help distribute body weight more evenly. Water beds, fluid beds and air mattresses were also cited, with a flood of advertising brochures from their manufacturers. Since this equipment can help and may be covered by your insurance, contact your local hospital, as well as your physician, for more information about new resources that can help.

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Lendl shoots for Grand Slam

KEY BISCAINE, Florida, April 4 (UPI): Ivan Lendl wants to win four tournaments this year.

Those tournaments are the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open. Lendl is off to a good start on that agenda, having won in Australia.

He also has victories in Scottsdale, Ariz., and the Lipton International Players Championships. He won the Lipton in a walkover over Thomas Muster, who suffered ligament damage in his left knee in a freak automobile accident Friday night.

In place of the Muster-Lendl match, Lipton promoters had Lendl play an exhibition match against Jakob Hlasek Sunday. Hlasek defeated Lendl 6-3, 6-4.

With 76 career Grand Prix titles, Lendl now gauges his success on his performance in the Grand Slam events. Victories in other tournaments are considered welcome additions to his pre-season goals.

Well
"I did well in Australia, that's enough until the French," Lendl said this week. "There are two groups of tournaments. Grand Slams and the rest. I'd rather lose here (at the Lipton) than in the French. I want to win, but if I don't, I'm not going to lose any sleep over it."

Chances are Lendl would have won the Lipton tournament. He did not lose a set through the semifinals, and while Muster was playing well, Lendl's game has been terrific so far this year.

He has a 19-1 record this year, 18-0 on hardcourts, and regained his No. 1 ranking after winning in Australia.

"I just think the guy's a better all-around player today than he has been," Curran said of Lendl. "He's beatable, but he's just really on his game."

One reason for Lendl's fast start is his health. In 1988, he had a stress fracture in his foot, and chronic shoulder problems that led to surgery on his right shoulder after the US Open, where he lost to Mats Wilander in the finals.

Ljubojevic leads in world chess

BARCELONA, Spain, April 4 (AP): Ljubojevic is leading the three-week-long World Chess Cup after he defeated Alexander Beliavsky of the Soviet Union in one of three adjourned matches played yesterday.

Valery Salov, Soviet Union, defeated Nigel Short, Britain, and Jesus Nogueiras, Cuba, drew with Viktor Korchnoi, Switzerland, in the two other matches.

Ljubojevic was leading the standings with 3.5 points, followed by Arthur Yusupov, Soviet Union, with three, Johan Hjarson, Iceland, Robert Hubner, West Germany, Salov, and Yasser Seirawan, United States, with 2.5, Miguel Illescas, Spain, Korchnoi, Nogueiras, Short, and Boris Spassky, France, with two, Beliavsky and Zoltan Ribly, Hungary, with 1.5, reigning world champion Garry Kasparov, Soviet Union, and Predas Nikolic, Yugoslavia, with one, Rafael Vaganina, Soviet Union, with 0.5, and Jonathan Speelman, Britain, with nil.

Gibson gets first hit of 1989

CINCINNATI, April 4 (AP): Kirk Gibson, a world series hero last year, got the first hit of the 1989 Major League Baseball season, lining a run-scoring single in the first inning yesterday of the Los Angeles at Cincinnati game.

The first pitch of the season came from Cincinnati's Danny Jackson and was a ball low and outside to Willie Randolph.

Randolph then hit a grounder to third baseman Chris Sabo, who threw wildly for an error. Randolph was awarded second when first baseman Todd Benzenberger interfered on the play.

Randolph moved to third on a groundout and scored when Gibson singled sharply. It was Gibson's first at-bat since hitting his dramatic pinch-home run in game 1 of the world series.

Cincinnati's Paul O'Neill hit the first home run of the season, a three-run shot in the third inning off Tim Lincecum.

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Family Circle tournament

Top seeds advance in first round

HILTON Head Island, South Carolina, April 4 (AP): Catarina Lindqvist, Bettina Fulco, Raffaella Reggi and Sandra Cecchini won their first-round matches yesterday in the Family Circle Magazine Cup tennis tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club.

Lindqvist, seeded 10th, beat Mary Lou Daniels of the United States, 6-1, 6-1, in less than a half hour. The 11th-seeded Fulco beat Petra Langrova 7-5, 6-3, and 12th-seeded Reggi beat Kimberly Kessaris of the United States, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3). Cecchini beat fellow Italian Laura Lapi 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 13 Judith Wiesner of Austria, and No. 14 Terry Phelps of the United States, were eliminated. Mercedes Paz of the United

States, beat Weisner 6-4, 6-3, and Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia beat Phelps 5-7, 7-6, 6-2.

Cecchini said she took a little lightly and it cost her early in the match. But Lapi eventually ran out of gas.

"She played two good points (in the ninth game of the second set), and I got a little nervous," Cecchini said. "I knew she was tired. She ran more than me during the match."

Won

The turning point of the match was the ninth game of the second set, which lasted about 20 minutes. Each player had won four games and the score went to deuce when Lapi hit a backhand winner down the line and followed

with a backhand drop shot for a 5-4 lead. Cecchini went on to sweep the next seven games for the match.

Cecchini said her goal in the \$300,000 tournament is to beat third-seeded Zina Garrison, who has won both previous meetings, both in straight sets.

In order to get to Garrison, Cecchini will have to beat the winner of the Donna Faber-Shaun Stafford match today in the second round. Garrison is not scheduled to play until tomorrow.

Yesterday's final match on the stadium court between unseeded players Faber and Stafford was stopped because of darkness. Faber won the first set 6-4. Stafford won the second 7-5 and the score was tied 3-3 in the third.

International Players Championships still looking for the proper format

KEY BISCAINE, Florida, April 4 (AP): Five years after its inception, the International Players Championships still is looking for the proper format, a permanent home and ways to attract the top players in tennis.

The problems have been frustrating at times, founder Butch Buchholz said.

"I've gotten grayer," he said, "and hopefully I'm a lot smarter."

This past weekend's setback, when Thomas Muster suffered a knee injury that forced the cancellation of his final match against Ivan Lendl, was minor compared to other problems the tournament faces.

Moved

The International Players Championships was designed as the Players' tournament, with a 128-player draw, best-of-five men's singles and two weeks of matches to mirror grand slam events. But the format has been the only similarity to Wimbledon or the US Open.

The tournament moved twice in its first two years, and its current home — the international tennis centre — includes

a centre-court stadium consisting of temporary wooden bleachers. This year's champions, Lendl and Gabriela Sabatini, survived a field in which four of the top 10 men and four of the top 10 women were absent.

Jimmy Connors described the tournament as "fair." Lendl said losing a match here would be nothing to lose sleep over.

And many of the 7,500 residents in an unincorporated community on the island of Key Biscayne want the tournament to go somewhere else. That will happen, Buchholz said, unless he is allowed to build a 12,000-seat concrete and steel stadium (estimated cost \$12 million) on public land.

Seats

Buchholz has a contract with the men's and women's players associations to break ground on a permanent stadium by Dec. 31, 1991.

"We just cannot back off on that," he said. "All of us together feel we need the 12,000 seats. If we can't have the 12,000 seats, the tournament sanction would be pulled from us."

The stadium isn't the only temporary structure at the tennis centre. The press room and hospitality areas are in tents — not the best way to spread enthusiasm for an event with "international" in its name.

"As long as we're in temporary facilities, this event is not going to reach the stature we want it to have," Buchholz said.

If Key Biscayne residents and Dade county officials will permit construction of a stadium, player support for the tournament will be "tremendous," Buchholz said. He said a scaled-down format, which will reduce next year's tournament to 10 days and 96 entrants, should also draw more top ten players because they won't have to comment for two weeks.

Financially, the International Players Championships has made progress. Attendance this year set a record. Buchholz estimates that prize money next year will increase to \$2.6 million from \$2.1 million this year. The event has a long-term sponsor agreement with Thomas J. Lipton Inc. and could make money for the first time in 1990.

Concentration helps Sabatini

KEY BISCAINE, Florida, April 4 (UPI): When Gabriela Sabatini has her concentration, she plays outstanding tennis and is capable of beating any other player, including Steffi Graf.

But, when Sabatini's mind wanders, she is capable of losing to just about any player. Sabatini was outstanding in the Lipton International Players Championships, beating Chris Evert 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 in the finals Saturday. That victory came after an impressive three-set victory over Helena Sukova in the semifinals.

Lipton was the fourth tournament of the year for Sabatini, and she has played well in two of them and suffered early upset losses in the other two. At the Australian Open, she lost to Graf 6-3, 6-0 in semifinals.

While she is capable of beating Graf — she did it twice last year — and probably should have been more competitive in Australia, that showing was fine for the first tournament of the year. But she followed that up by losing to Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2, 6-2, in the quarterfinals in Tokyo, and then lost to Terry

Phelps in straight sets in the Virginia Slims of Florida last month.

"This week to last week is very different," Sabatini said after winning the Lipton and a \$100,000 first-place cheque. "I think it was a problem mentally. I have to try to play every tournament the same, every tournament I have to play well."

She played well Saturday against Evert, who lost a three-set match in a tournament final for the second straight event. Graf, who skipped the Lipton to prepare for the start of the clay court season, beat Evert in three sets at the Virginia Slims of Florida.

"Right now, I think I'm very strong mentally," Sabatini said. "This is a very important tournament. It's good to start the year with winning a big tournament."

Evert was impressed by Sabatini's mental toughness.

"I really have to give her credit," Evert said of Sabatini. "She didn't make many errors. I thought I would get a few more free points from her."

Sabatini kept Evert on the

defensive, and except for a four-game stretch that enabled Evert to win the second set, Sabatini was in control throughout the match.

"I was always coming back," Evert said. "I was always with my back against the wall. I felt like I was working harder than her. She was hitting corner to corner with a lot of topspin."

Sabatini, 18, is ranked third in the world, and Graf, 19, is No. 1. They are the present and future of women's tennis.

Evert, 34, is ranked fourth and thinking of retiring after this year. She told the crowd after the final match "I don't know if I'll be back next year."

Her performance the last two weeks — she is the only player this year to win a set from Graf — has her confident about the rest of the season.

"I feel fine about my game," she said. "Getting to two finals, I'm consistent at least, but I'd like to win a tournament."

"When you've been No. 1, you're never completely satisfied, but I'm still excited about playing and looking forward to the tournaments this summer."

San Diego to appeal against court ruling

New Zealand presses on with Cup plans

AUCKLAND, April 4 (Reuters): New Zealand's America's Cup boss Michael Fay decided to appeal San Diego's decision to void the 1991 defense. Fay told Radio New Zealand: "My initial reaction is that it won't affect them at all ... I think what we'll do is proceed with the plans for a regatta in 1991."

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"If we're caught up in the legal system too long and if the appeal drags on then we'll have a look at the option perhaps of having a world championship in 1991 and then we'd sail the cup again a year later," said Fay.

Transfer

"I think in the short term San Diego are going to have to sign a transfer of the cup over to Mercury Bay as the trustee. Once that happens we can push ahead with planning the next cup," said Fay. But San Diego have said they will hold on to the trophy while the appeal is heard.

IAAF endorses global anti-doping squads

GOTEBORG, Sweden, April 4 (AP): The Council of the International Amateur Athletics Federation yesterday proposed using international doping-control squads to test athletes anywhere in the world, the national news agency TT reported.

Officials of the International Olympic Committee also have proposed creating such global drug-testing squads.

"There must be four or five strategically placed groups that can leave on a moment's notice," said Arne Ljungqvist, Sweden's member of the IAAF Council. The agency reported that the

federation's governing council also gave the Belgian city of Antwerp the right to host the 1991 World Cross Country Championships, over Amorbieta, Spain.

New drug-control regulations could become effective this fall when the guidelines are submitted to the IAAF congress due to meet in Barcelona, Spain, from Sept. 4-5.

"The international anti-doping operation could begin immediately after a congress decision," Ljungqvist told TT. "We've finally agreed on strong measures regarding doping."

The congress of the 23-member world governing body will decide on a global anti-doping package including spot checks co-ordinated from the IAAF office in London, TT reported.

"There are immense administrative, practical and economic problems, but we will solve them," Ljungqvist said.

He stressed that yesterday's proposal was meant to show how serious the council views the problem. The size and cost of the operation hasn't been determined, but \$1 million will be allocated for the first year, TT said.



Graf: Grand Slam win

Stage set for Graf-Navratilova battle

HILTON HEAD, S.C., April 4 (UPI): In 1975, Steffi Graf celebrated her sixth birthday. Martina Navratilova turned pro, and Chris Evert won the Family Circle Magazine Cup for the second time.

Fourteen years later, Graf, 19, is one of only six players in the history of women's tennis to win the Grand Slam and is the No. 1 seed in the \$300,000 17th Annual Family Circle.

For Navratilova, 32, the intervening years have brought 17 Grand Slam titles, including six consecutive Wimbledon singles championships, and now an apparent uphill battle to repeat her 1988 tournament victory at Hilton Head.

The 34-year-old Evert, an eight-time winner of the FCC, lost in the finals of the Lipton International Players Championships to Gabriela Sabatini, 17, on Saturday and will not play at Hilton Head. She has said it is her last year on the circuit.

Purse

The FCC Clay-Court Tournament boasts the sixth-largest purse on the tour behind the four Grand Slam events — Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and US Open — and the Virginia Slims championship.

Of the eight seeded players in

this year's tournament, four are teenagers, three are in their 20s and one, Navratilova, is in her 30s.

Eighth seed Hana Mandlikova, 27, is on the mend from a hamstring injury that dropped her to 29th in the world rankings last year and needs a strong tournament to break out of her current 20th spot on the list of players.

A comeback is also on the mind of Mandlikova's fellow Czechoslovakian native Regina Marsikova, 30, posted a three-set victory over Andrea Holikova in the FCC qualifying rounds Sunday.

Eligible

It has been nine years since Marsikova was defeated in the finals of the tournament by Tracy Austin. A car accident a year later knocked her out of professional tennis for four years. Marsikova lost another year of competition when she injured her right knee in a match against Graf in Zurich in 1987.

No longer eligible to play in the qualifying rounds of European tournaments, Marsikova hopes to find her old form again on the courts of the Sea Pines Plantation Racquet Club.

"I just want to see if I can make

it back," she said. "I'll stick with tennis a little longer. If after two years I'm still trying (to qualify), I'll try to find something else I like."

The tournament seeds are Graf of West Germany; Navratilova of Fort Worth, Texas; Zina Garrison of Houston; Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union; Lori McNeil of Houston; Helen Klesi of Canada; Arantxa Sanchez of Spain, and Mandlikova.

Adjusting

Seeded players are scheduled to begin their first-round matches today. There are 56 players in the tournament.

Meanwhile, Martina Navratilova, long the top-ranked women's tennis player, slowly is adjusting to life ranked behind Steffi Graf.

"I'm not saying I'm satisfied with being No. 2," Navratilova said yesterday, the eve of her first match at the 17th Family Circle Cup. "But for God's sake, No. 2 in the world ain't so bad."

"Right now, I get mad. I throw my racket. I get happy when I hit a good shot. So that tells me my heart's still in it. I'll keep playing. I don't care if it's No. 1 or No. 100."

Navratilova, who won nine

Czechoslovak Davis Cup hopes dashed

PRAGUE, April 4 (Reuters): Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup hopes against West Germany waned yesterday after their number one Miloslav Mecir was taken to hospital straight from the practice court suffering from back pains.

His appearance for Czechoslovakia in their quarterfinal against West Germany on Friday now seems unlikely, medical sources said after studying X-rays of Mecir's back.

Mecir, 1988 Olympic champion and winner of the Indian Wells event in California last month, had to pull out at the start of the International Players Championship in Key Biscayne because of a recurring back injury.

He began practising in Prague yesterday morning after two painless days.

But after about an hour of backhand rallies with team-mate Marian Vajda he suddenly dropped his racket and left the court stooping with pain, eyewitnesses said.

Rose puts aside his troubles for opening day

CINCINNATI, April 4 (AP): Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose basked in adulation instead of accusation, still a hero in his hometown of Cincinnati on the opening day of the 1989 Major League Baseball season.

Gambling allegations against the baseball star were pushed aside for a moment yesterday when a sellout crowd stood and cheered and chanted his name and Reds owner Marge Schott planted a kiss on his cheek.

"I can stand here all day and couldn't describe my feelings," Rose said. "They've always treated me like a king. I didn't know what to expect today. I've been through that quite a number of times. I don't think it ever gets to be old hat. I got goosebumps."

His players also were impressed. "It was like he got that hit all over again," relief pitcher John Franco said, referring to 1985, when Rose broke Ty Cobb's all-time record for hits. "There's still respect for him."

It was the 103rd opening day in Cincinnati, and Rose was back in his element at Riverfront stadium.

There had been some question whether Rose would be there this year when the Reds opened against the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

But with Major League Baseball's investigation of Rose still incomplete, he was sitting in the dugout on a sunny afternoon doing one of the things he enjoys most — talking baseball.

"You always know it's going to be a good crowd when it's 10 minutes after 12 o'clock and you look and there's people already in the (upperdeck) seats," Rose said.

Cameras followed him everywhere, one of the inconveniences he has tolerated since baseball officials announced two weeks ago that he's the subject of a major investigation, reportedly about his gambling.

The latest related development was yesterday morning, when restaurant owner Ronald Peters, linked by some news reports to Rose's alleged betting, announced his intent to court plead guilty to federal charges of cocaine distribution and lying on an income tax return.

Peters, his attorney and federal authorities declined to comment yesterday on whether Peters had any gambling involvement with Rose. There has been no suggestion that Rose was linked to the cocaine allegations, but published reports have identified Peters as a bookie who took bets made on behalf of Rose.

Denied

Rose has denied that Peters is his "principal bookmaker," as stated in a Sports Illustrated magazine story.

A crowd of more than 50,000 fans greeted Rose yesterday with a one-minute standing ovation when he was introduced in pregame ceremonies.

Schott has said she will keep Rose in the dugout until the commissioner's office makes a decision.

General manager Murray Cook weaved through reporters before the game to shake Rose's hand.

"Good luck. Have a good year," Cook said. "I won't be able to get close to you today."

Before the game, Rose reminisced about going to opening day as a youngster in Cincinnati, where teachers would let students out of school if they had a ticket.

Ticket

I didn't like school that much," Rose said. "I'd come up with a ticket some way."

"Opening day here means so much, not only to me but to the people in the stands. They remember going with their dad who is gone now or their grandpa who is gone now."

Rose made one allusion to the trouble that has clouded his last two weeks. A Sports Illustrated story has said he made betting-related gestures from the Reds' dugout early in the 1987 season. Rose provided intermittent updates on other games. Rose has called the allegation "ridiculous."

"Boy, it's nice to see the scoreboards working," Rose said, breaking into a grin. "Even the auxiliary scoreboards are working today. I'll have to be in the dugout like this."

Rose then stood up and held his arms stiffly at his side, avoiding any gestures. The reporters laughed.



President Bush follows the flight of his pitch during dedication ceremonies for the new horseshoe pit at the White House on April 1. Bush yesterday opened the baseball pitch. (Reuter wirephoto)

Orioles already ahead

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP): It took the Baltimore Orioles 11 innings to get their first victory of the season. Last year, it took them a record 22 games.

The Orioles, who lost their first 21 games last year, won their season opener yesterday, beating the American League East champion Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Rookie Craig Worthington's 11th-inning single.

US President George Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch but left in the seventh inning with the score tied 4-4. Boston ace Roger Clemens left one inning later.

Worthington, who grounded out with runners at first and third and one out in the ninth, came up in the same situation two innings later. This time, he singled off Mike Smith after Bob Stanley walked Mickey Tettleton.

Worthington flared a 1-0 pitch into left-center past center fielder Ellis Burk's dive, foiling a Boston defence of five infielders. "I was jittery because I had the

same opportunity before I don't know what inning it was," Worthington said. "Smithson is the same kind of pitcher Stanley is — a sinker-slider pitcher. I was just looking for a pitch over the plate."

Brian Holton pitched 4 1/3 innings of scoreless relief for the victory. It was Boston's fourth straight defeat on opening day. Baltimore scored its first runs against Clemens.

"It was fun to win the first one, especially after last year," Holton said. "I wasn't here, but I talked with some of the guys and I know they were relieved."

Baltimore's Cal Ripken hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning. Boston's Mike Greenwell hit a two-run homer off Dave Schmidt in the top of the sixth.

Jimmy Key won on opening day for the third straight year and Fred McGriff and Lloyd Moseby each had two hits as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals 4-3. Key, who beat the Royals 5-3 in last season's opener, gave up two runs on six hits in six innings.

SPORTS

Silent Fanatic wins Spring Challenge

THE Messilah Beach Laser Club sailed the last two races of the Messilah Beach Hotel Spring Challenge Series on Friday, March 31.

Seven boats enjoyed a fine spring day with light to moderate winds and a slight sea.

Once again, M. Hattemore sailing "Silent Fanatic" showed the fleet how it should be done, winning both Races 9 & 10 of the series by convincing margins. In Race 9, he was followed over the line by D. Clark, D. Reeve and P. Berry, respectively.

Race 10 proved to be one of the most interesting held in the series with positions two to six constantly changing as the fleet completed three laps of an Olympic style course. Two relative newcomers to the club, both sailing new boats, demonstrated that in these conditions at least they were able to compete successfully against the established helms. As the finishing line was crossed, only seconds separated the second, third and fourth boats crewed by P. Berry, D. Reeve and I. Smith respectively.

The positions at the end of the series are:

(a) Overall winner — M. Hattemore: Overall Runner-up — D. Clark

(b) Handicap Winner — D. Reeve: Handicap Runner-up — P. Shepherd.

The MBLCL will present the prizes for this series of races at a B-B-Q to be held after sunset next Friday at the Messilah Beach Hotel, all MBLCL members are cordially invited.

Friday April 7 also sees the start of the next series of races: the "Mad Hatters Ramadan Series". 18 races (weather permitting) to be sailed on Friday and Tuesday afternoons throughout the month. Best 10 results to count. Interested Laser sailors should attend for a helms' briefing at 10 am sharp on Friday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Boy wins \$225,000

ATHENS, April 4. (Reuters): A three-year-old Greek boy won \$225,000 in the national soccer pools today after predicting the correct outcome of all 13 weekend matches.

His parents, Nikos and Maria Argyridis, told reporters Elias indicated the correct combinations to them from the pools leaflet, which includes First and Second Division matches.

Italy's upset win

LILLEHAMMER, Norway, April 4. (AP): Sixth-seeded Italy upset top-seeded Switzerland 7-6 in third-round action of the B-pool World Ice Hockey Championship last night.

Switzerland's loss left Norway as the only unbeaten team among the eight countries competing in the B-pool before the fourth round today.

Norway has six points, Switzerland, France, East Germany and Italy four points each and Austria two points. Japan and Denmark have lost all three of their games.

Baseball results

NEW YORK, April 4. (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday.

American League
Baltimore 4 Boston 4 (in 11)
Toronto 4 Kansas City 3
Cleveland 2 Milwaukee 1
Oakland 3 Seattle 2

National League
New York 8 St. Louis 4
Cincinnati 6 Los Angeles 4
San Francisco 5 San Diego 3

World Cup tickets

ROME, April 4. (Reuters): Tickets for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals in Italy went on sale abroad for the first time through banks in 22 countries in Europe, South America, the Far East and Saudi Arabia, organisers said.

Half of the 2.6 million tickets available for the June 8 to July 8, 1990 event have been set aside for sale outside Italy through foreign branches of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro.

The remainder went on sale within Italy last February and most seats for matches in the Rome and Naples stadiums are already sold out.

World Cup marathon

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, April 4. (Reuters): London has been awarded the 1991 World Cup marathon, the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) said yesterday.

Conference officials said it would be the first World Cup marathon staged in conjunction with a mass participation race.

Real and Milan have equal chances to win

Stage set for European soccer clashes

LONDON, April 4. (AP): Take the flair of Ruud Gullit, the goal-scoring prowess of Marco van Basten and the all-round skills of Frank Rijkaard. Send them on the road against the pace of Hugo Sanchez, an unbeaten team and the deafening, intimidating support of 90,000 fans.

A spicier soccer brew you couldn't hope for and tomorrow's European Champions Cup semifinal between Real Madrid and AC Milan is being built up as exactly that — even before a ball is kicked.

The first leg game in the Spanish capital is being described as the true final by everyone except those connected with Steaua Bucharest and Galatasaray, who meet in the other semifinal of Europe's most prestigious club soccer competition.

"I feel that both teams have an equal 50 per cent chance, that their technical value is equal," said Milan president Silvio Berlusconi. "Thus luck will make the difference."

Real, Milan Steaua and Galatasaray are among 12 teams who have made the long, arduous journey into the semifinals of the continent's three tournaments. The round where emotions are at their most intense, nerves are frayed and hopes and ambitions are close to being fulfilled or smashed.

In the Cup Winners Cup, defending champion Mechelen of Belgium hosts Italy's Sampdoria and Barcelona meets Sredets Sofia. The UEFA Cup pits Diego Maradona's Napoli against West German giants Bayern Munich and VfB Stuttgart against Dynamo Dresden.

But the game that has captured the imagination of soccer fans across the world takes place in Madrid.

An estimated 500 million spectators are expected to watch the Real-Milan clash, being televised live by 24 stations. The hosts are expected to net more than 340 million pesetas (almost \$3 million).

The second leg takes place April 19 in Milan, with a place in next month's championship match at stake.

Likely

Real, bidding for its seventh Champions Cup trophy but the first for 23 years, has only one injury doubt going into the first leg. Defender Manuel Sanchis injured a hip in a League match last weekend but is likely to start.

Real is unbeaten in both this season's Champions Cup and the Spanish League programme but manager Leo Beenhaker agreed with Berlusconi that both his team and Milan had an even chance.

"It is important to us to keep possession of the ball as much as possible," Beenhaker said.

Like Real, Milan also is expected to field its strongest team, including the Dutch trio of Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard.

Van Basten, top scorer in last year's European Nations Championship, said he feared the speed of Sanchez in the first leg.

"He's an exceptional player, extremely dangerous," Van Basten said. "We hope to score one goal in Madrid. We must think it's a match lasting 180 minutes," he said, referring to the second leg.

While most impartial attention focuses on the activities in Madrid, thousands of Turkish



Maradona: Napoli's hope

fans have been flocking to the Romanian border in buses and private cars after Premier Turgut Ozal lifted a \$100 travel tax on trips abroad. Reports said 2,000 ticket-less Turkish fans had been turned back.

Galatasaray is the first Turkish team ever to reach the Champions Cup semifinals after upsetting Monaco in the previous round.

The club said 4,000 fans had applied for tickets for the first leg in Bucharest but that most of them had their money returned last week since Steaua had allocated only 1,500 places to Turkish backers.

That was nevertheless the highest number ever provided by the Romanian club to fans of a visiting team.

Galatasaray's chances of coming away with a favourable result have been badly dented by injuries to Metin and Muhamed while Steaua reported a full-strength squad including midfield ace Gheorghe Hagi and striker Marius Lacatus.

Steaua, which won the Champions Cup in 1986, thrashed IFK Goteborg of Sweden 5-1 in the quarterfinals and will start as a strong favourite to reach its second final in four seasons.

But coach Anghel Iordanescu

warned against taking the Turks too lightly.

"The game is not played beforehand," he said. "We will try to score a result that to spare us from any surprises in the return match."

Mechelen's chances of holding on to the Cup Winners Cup have been thrown into doubt by a sudden lapse of form and injuries to key players.

Coach Aad De Mos faces the prospect of being without international defender Lei Clysters — a certain non-starter — as well as Pascal de Wilde and Dutch internationals Erwin Koeman and Wim Hofkens, all of whom were fighting to get fit today.

De Mos is counting on some medical wizardry.

"For once, I hope the staff will expand the medical boundaries," he said. "This is business, not amateur soccer."

Last weekend, Mechelen lost at home for the first time this season as it was outtrun and outclassed by Anderlecht. Four of its regulars were missing.

But in Europe, the defending Cup Winners Cup champion has yet to lose a game, its tight teamwork stifling the opposition.

Upset

In the other semifinal, Barcelona, upset by Steaua in the 1986 Champions Cup final, again faces Eastern European opposition as it attempts to reach its second championship game in four seasons, this time in the Cup Winners Cup.

Johan Cruyff, Barcelona's Dutch coach, said he was worried about Sredets Sofia's ability to score away from home but then learned the Bulgarians will be without top scorer Liuboslav Penev.

Michigan win US college basketball title

SEATTLE, April 4. (Reuters): Rumeal Robinson hit a pair of free throws with three seconds left in overtime to give Michigan the US Collegiate Men's Basketball Championship with a dramatic 80-79 win over Seton Hall yesterday.

It was the first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball title for the Michigan Wolverines. The Seton Hall Pirates were also going for their first title.

"I am the happiest man alive right now," said Michigan interim coach Steve Fisher, who took over coaching duties just before the tournament began.

Lead

"Rumeal is such a gutsy kid," he said of Robinson's poised at the foul line with Michigan down 79-78.

Michigan led 37-32 at halftime and early in the second half built the lead to 11 points, 49-38.

John Morton, who scored a game high 35 points, put Seton Hall back in the contest with red-hot shooting.

He scored 22 of the team's last 28 points in the second half, including a three-pointer with 25 seconds left in regulation time that levelled the score 71-71.

But the Pirates got disappointing contributions from their two Olympians. Australian guard Andrew Gaze, who had been averaging 19 points a game in the tournament, had just five points and Puerto Rican centre Ramon Ramos managed just eight.

Glen Rice paced the Michigan attack with 31 points and set an NCAA tournament scoring record with 184 points. Bill Bradley, now a US senator, set the previous mark of 177 in 1965 when he played for Princeton.

Robinson added 21 points and

11 assists for the Wolverines. Seton Hall got the ball with three seconds left in overtime and a chance to win, but Daryll Walker's desperation shot bounced off the backboard as time ran out.

Fisher is the first interim coach in NCAA history to win a national title.

Three days before the tournament began Bill Frieder, Michigan's coach since 1976, accepted an offer to coach Arizona State. Athletic director, Bo Schembechler refused to allow Frieder to finish the season and appointed Fisher interim coach.

Schembechler said Fisher would get the first interview for the full-time job next season.

New Pak score victory

NEW PAK XI was victorious in the cricket match played against Super Royalty XI at the Blue Tower ground.

Winning the toss New Pak opted to bat first sending in their openers Haleem and Tariq. Both were playing well and punishing the play balls to the planks. But when the score reached 38, Tariq misjudged a ball from Saifuddin and was bowled for 20 runs to his credit.

Mubashar came in and did not stay long as he was unlucky to be run-out.

Then came Mohammed Ali and straight away went for his runs. When the score reached 54 Haleem was caught off the bowling off Reza. But then came the terrible movement for Super Royalty as the new batsman Asghar in the company of M. Ali plundered the bowling to all parts of the field and took the score to 126. At this moment Asghar trying to hit the ball misjudged to be caught off Feroze's bowling for 36.

But at the other end M. Ali was merrier hitting the ball with power. Hameed came in and helped gather 28 runs before he was bowled by Feroze for seven. At last the leather hunt came to a halt for Super Royalty when Mohammed Ali played a tired shot and was caught behind the wicket for a very well made 55 runs. At the end of 25 overs New Pak scored 176 for 5 wickets.

Successful bowlers were Feroze two, Faisal, Saifuddin and Reza one each.

Super Royalty sent in their openers Razzak and Riaz to the bowling of Asghar and Sakhawati. Wayward bowling by the opening bowlers was sprayed to the boundary. Razzak in particular was very severe as he hit Sakhawati for 3 consecutive fours in the first three balls of his first over.

However Asghar bowled a beauty and uprooted the stumps of Riaz, and the score was 19.

At the end of the 25th over, Super Royalty could score 165 runs for the loss of eight wickets, thus conceded the match to New Pak. Hameed was the most successful bowler with three wickets for 22.

President XIV overcome Patron XIV



Both teams after the match with other officials.

IN A festival cricket match between KCL Patron XIV and KCL President XIV at KCL ground the latter overcame the former with two balls to spare.

After winning the toss Patron XIV captain Ashraf Khan opted to bat. The openers Yahya and Yunus Chaudhry batted well and scored 93 runs for first wicket when Yahya was stumped off Ali Rizvi for 49 runs. Yunus Chaudhry was bowled by Rajpal after scoring disciplined 56 and Ahmed Hussain scored 51 before being yorked by Gupta.

Arora retired after scoring 20 and Pakistan's Ambassador Zahid Saeed scored entertaining 18 (unbeaten). Naseem Farooqui was other unbeaten batsman with 13, when allotted 40 overs were completed. The total was 244 runs.

Hopes
President XIV opened their innings through Ravi and Khular who scored 26 and 19 before being back in the pavilion. After their loss President XIV pinned their hopes on Ali Rizvi who did not disappoint his fans.



Ali Rizvi, Man of the Match

He propped up his innings in cautious manner but opened up in later stages. He saw B.N. Malhotra (18), skipper Ganju (26), Arun (11) and Rajpal (2) marching back on regular intervals.

After reaching his half century in defensive manner he took more liberties and hit all the bowlers at will.

Rizvi was well on his way to the century when H.E. Zahid Saeed took splendid catch in mid-off

region off Pravesh Merva. His well made 91 runs were highlighted by eight beautifully timed fours.

Swinging

After his dismissal it appeared that initiative was swinging back to Patron XIV but elder Rizvi, Sajid Abbas had other notion and he along with Krishnan (23) placed the ball well in unguarded regions and through excellent running between the wickets and kept the scorers busy. They both denied any further success to their opponents and got required runs with two balls to spare.

At the end of the match Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha gave away the C.L. Merwah Memorial Trophy to President XIV captain Ganju and he also distributed the individual prizes.

Ali Rizvi was adjudged Man-of-the-Match. The prizes were provided by courtesy of B.N. Malhotra, Sahani, 7-Up Co., Lipton Tea, Red Label Tea, Safety Milk, Sultan Centre and Shivi Bhasin & Co. Khawaja Afzal and Jafar made great efforts towards the success of the event.

Kifco beat Starlite to clinch cup

KIFCO overcame the spirited challenge from Starlite to inscribe their name for the second consecutive season on the prestigious Al Mulla Mitsubishi Cup on Friday at the KOC Ahmadi grounds. Aqueel of Kifco on winning the toss had no hesitation to bat first sending openers Arshad and Nasir to face the new ball attack of Ejaz and Iqbal Jr.

A brisk opening partnership prevailed as 50 runs came off 10 overs. Poor fielding by Starlite helped Kifco to reach 87 in the 15th over, when Arshad was bowled by Shehzad for 45. Maqsood coming in survived an appeal for lbw by Suhail and with Nasir departing later lbw to the former for 37 things changed for Starlite.

Dismissed

Maqsood (20) was dismissed by Badar making Kifco 123 for 3 in 23 overs. However, useful double figures from Shahid (11) Aqueel (13) Rashid (10) Shahid Butt (14) and a defiant 29 from Mansoor enabled Kifco to eventually reach a good total of 227 in 44.4 overs.

Wickets were shared by Badar (3) Qayyum (2) Ejaz, Iqbal Jr Suhail and Shehzad one each for Starlite.

Chasing 228 for victory Starlite met with an early setback when Badar was trapped lbw by Shahid Butt for two with only 12 on the board. The two Iqbals joined forces to put up some respectability taking the total to 46



Aqueel receiving the trophy from Aziz (right).

before Iqbal Jr was caught and bowled by Shahid Perwaiz for 20.

With the addition of only eight runs, Iqbal Rizvi (21) was held by Aqueel of his own bowling. Qayyum (4) was dismissed by Shahid Butt and Starlite were in total disarray at 70 for four in 14 overs. Shehzad promised much but could do little as he had no answer to Rashid's pace lbw for 16.

Offspin

Riffat with his offspin ran through the bottom half to reduce Starlite to 113 all out in 26 overs. Riffat had match winning figures of 5-4-1-9-5.

Other wickets were shared by Aqueel, Rashid, one each and

Shahid Butt 2

After the game both teams were introduced to Aziz, commercial vehicles manager of Al Mulla Group.

Jacob Mathew, marketing and advertising manager delivered a brief speech thanking all participating teams, organisers and supporters for their enthusiasm.

Aziz then presented the Al Mulla Mitsubishi Cup to Kifco captain Aqueel Ashraf. Prizes were also distributed to both teams, scorers and umpires and members of the Unity organising committee. Riffat was awarded the Man of the Match award for his splendid bowling capturing five wickets.

Cannt A drub Premier cricketers

CANTT A stepped in the finals of Cannt Tournament after defeating Premier Cricket Club by 84 runs last Friday at Sabmiya ground.

After winning the toss Premier's skipper Victor invited Cannt A to bat. Cannt A's skipper Waheed Malik opened their innings through Iqbal and Amjad. From the very first ball they started hammering the docile attack and managed to carry the score to 85 without any loss. They were parted when Amjad retired hurt. Zahid M then joined Iqbal. At the total of 126 Iqbal was bowled by Saby after scoring 61 runs. Farhat joined Zahid and both took the score to 147 before Farhat was trapped plumb before the wicket.

Zahid hit 30 with the help of five fours. Other main scorers were Waheed M 18, Farhat 20 and Amjad 24. Cannt A scored 206 for nine in 27.4 overs.

For Premier, Saby bowled accurately and got four wickets while Victor, Rohan Sr, and Nakala claimed one each.

Premier opened their innings through Nakala and Anand. Nakala playing a courageous inning kept the runrate in mind.

The finals will be played after Eid.

IAC Badminton Tournament

SUSAN Jacob and Cherry George moved on to the finals of mixed doubles by beating Remy John and John Kurien 13-18, 15-10, 12-3 (conceded) in IAC Badminton Tournament.

In another thrilling mixed doubles encounter Reeny Tharian and Sivakumar sailed past Shobha Nair and P.V. Varghese 15-7, 15-7.

Other results

Men's singles (semi): Reji Joseph bt. C.A. Hasan 15-6, 15-9; George Joseph bt. Mathew N.C. 6-15, 15-3, 15-8.

Men's doubles (Q.F.): J.S. Anand and M.M. Joshi bt. M.D. Varghese and Ashok Kumar 15-13, 15-8; Reji Joseph and Cherry George bt. C.A. Hasan and Jojo Nilappana 15-8, 15-6.

Men's doubles (semi): George Joseph and Louis Gonsalves bt. Mohan Das and P.V. Varghese 17-15, 15-6.

Today's fixtures

7-8 pm. Boys' singles (final): Sanjay Sharma vs Sumant Sharma.

Women's doubles (semi): Shobha Nair and Roshini Edison vs Remy John and Susan Jacob.

8-9 pm. Couples' doubles (final): Mrs and Mr Varghese vs Mrs and Mr George Tharian.



George Joseph (left) and Reji Joseph to meet in men's singles final.

Joseph vs Mrs and Mr Jacob Mathews or Mrs and Mr George Tharian.

Veterans' singles (Final): Bal Sharma or Robert Henry vs Jacob Mathew or M.M. Joshi.

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